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City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 3:00 PM

MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 1st FLOOR

Board of Estimate & Contract

Call to Order: At 3:00 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.

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 SAFETY - "TOWING SERVICES"

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ORDINANCES

- 1. Office of the Mayor: A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC as Special Counsel to Represent Participating Westchester Municipalities in Con Edison's Electric and Gas Rate Case Before the Public Service Commission
- 2. Charter Review Commission: An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of the Contract with the National Civic League (NCL) for Professional Services to Assist the 2024 Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission
- 3. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Attend the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2025 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 14th to May 16th, 2025
- 4. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of a Total Wellness Sensory Room in City Hall's First Floor Employee Women's Bathroom
- 5. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a \$126,920 Technical Assistance Voucher from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for a Citywide Traffic Signal Study
- 6. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mount Vernon to Host the 2025 Arbor Day Celebration in Partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Nu Omega Chapter
- 7. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Line Transfer Within the Department of Public Works for Education and Training Related to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Requirements
- 8. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing Internal Training of Qualified Staff for Stormwater and Sewer State Mandates and Federal Consent Decree Actions
- 9. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Mount Vernon Recreation and Police Departments to Co-Sponsor "Rolling into Peace" in Hartley Park on Saturday, June 14, 2025

- 10. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Mount Vernon, through the Department of Recreation, to Co-Sponsor the Cinco de Mayo Celebration with Westchester Latino Unidos (May 5, 2025 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hartley Park, with the rain site designated as the Doles Center at 250 South 6th Avenue)
- 11. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Grant under the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project (Project No. 2152), Execution of Necessary Agreements, and Implementation of Required Compliance Measures
- 12. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Flying Classroom for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Solar Go Kart Summer Academy (July 8th, 2025, to August 14, 2025 for \$45,000.00)
- 13. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Krishna Shah, CEO of Wellness with Krishna, to Provide Mental Wellness Sessions for the Ready4LIFE Program (April 18th, 2025, to July 11, 2025 for \$10,000)
- 14. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Westchester County Department of Correction for Reimbursement of Prisoner Transportation Services for the Years 2023 and 2024
- 15. Department of Assessment: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Within the Department of Assessment Budget Lines for the Purpose of Assessor's Remapping
- 16. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the City Court Marshal for Booting Services

SETTLEMENT

17. Settlement of the Claim of Brenda Smith - (\$15,000)

TAX REVIEW SETTLEMENTS

- 18. Tax Settlement for 501 Seventh Avenue South (\$1,754.41)
- 19. Tax Settlement for 46 Sanford Boulevard West (\$1,002.52)

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 a resolution adopted by the City Council on March 26, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on March 27, 2025, authorizing the Hiring of Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC as Special Counsel to Represent Participating Westchester Municipalities in Con Edison's Electric and Gas Rate Case Before the Public Service Commission – (the Municipality's share of the legal fees shall be determined based on an equal division among all participating municipalities, with the total amount of such representation not to exceed \$100,000 (i.e., \$100,000 / 20 municipalities = \$5,000 each and will only take effect if at least twenty (20) municipalities agree to be represented by Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC in this matter; Mount Vernon's legal fee of \$5,000 shall be allocated under Budget Code A1010.405)); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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BOARD OF ESTIMATE

Vote Taken as Follows:4/15/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JOEL R. DICHTER OF DICHTER LAW LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT PARTICIPATING WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITIES IN CON EDISON'S ELECTRIC AND GAS RATE CASE BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2025, Con Edison filed a petition with the New York Public Service Commission to increase electric and gas rates as of January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, under this petition, electric rates would rise by 18% with residential delivery charges increasing by 25.1%, and natural gas delivery rates rising by 19.1%; and

WHEREAS, this Con Edison rate hike proposal comes after an increase of 20% in rates over the past three (3) years and any further significant increases would have negative financial impacts on residents and businesses within Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission is currently reviewing Con Edison's petition for an electric and gas rate increase; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the CITY OF MOUNT VERNON to be represented in this matter to ensure the concerns of local governments and its residents are adequately addressed; and

WHEREAS, Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC has the necessary experience and expertise to represent the interests of the participating Westchester County municipalities in this case and has submitted a proposal dated February 13, 2025, to represent participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes intervening in the rate case, conducting discovery, retaining expert witnesses, preparing briefs, and attending all hearings and any settlement negotiations at a total cost that shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) which would be split equally among all of the participating municipalities that accept to his representation in this rate case; and

WHEREAS, such representation will only proceed if at least twenty (20) municipalities agree to be represented by Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{RESOLVED}}$ by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MOUNT VERNON as follows:

- 1. The Municipality hereby authorizes the hiring of Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC as special counsel to represent participating Westchester municipalities in Con Edison's Electric and Gas Rate Case before the Public Service Commission; and
- 2. The Municipality's share of the legal fees shall be determined based on an equal division

among all participating municipalities, with the total amount of such representation not to exceed \$100,000 (example: (\$100,000 / 20 municipalities = \$5,000 each); and

- 3. This authorization shall only take effect if at least twenty (20) municipalities agree to be represented by Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC in this matter.
- 4. The MAYOR OF MOUNT VERNON, SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to execute agreements and related documents and make payments in furtherance of this resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Village of Rye Brook shall coordinate the payment to Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC on behalf of the participating municipalities for representation in this Con Edison electric and gas rate case.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Gity Council. BOArd of Estimate & Contract.

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Vote Taken As Follows: 3/26/2025 Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea Browne: Absent **RESOLVED,** that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Extension of the Contract with the National Civic League (NCL) for Professional Services to Assist the 2024 Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission – (Compensation:

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

; be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Vote Taken as Follows:4/15/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Section 1. Authorization**. The Mayor is hereby authorized to extend the contractual agreement with the National Civic League to provide continued professional services to the 2024 Mount Vernon Charter Review Commission in accordance with the terms outlined in Exhibits A and B.
- **Section 2. Scope of Services**. The services to be rendered by NCL shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Conducting community surveys and public engagement initiatives;
 - 2. Providing research and guidance on charter issues;
 - 3. Designing and facilitating community forums;
 - 4. Preparing final analyses and reports summarizing input and recommendations.

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Section 3 Compensation:

- 1. The total cost for the extended services shall not exceed \$29,000.00.
- 2. NCL shall submit invoices according to the following schedule:
 - o \$8,000.00 upon contract execution;
 - o \$7,000.00 on June 1, 2025;
 - o \$7,000.00 on September 1, 2025;
 - \$7,000.00 upon completion of all assistance, on December 1,
 2025.
- 3. All invoices shall be paid within forty-five (45) days of receipt.
- **Section 4.** Expenses. NCL shall be responsible for all costs and expenses, including travel, lodging, and meals, incurred in connection with the performance of services. Any additional expenses beyond the approved budget must receive prior written approval from the City.
- **Section 5. Term.** The contract extension shall be effective upon execution and remain in force until September 1, 2025, with the option for renewal upon mutual agreement.
- **Section 6. Effective Date**. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Acting President

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Attend the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2025 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 14th to May 16th, 2025 - (the costs of transportation, incidentals, and hotel accommodations will be reimbursed by the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, not to exceed \$600.00 and all additional travel expenses shall be expensed from Budget A1210.402 – Travel); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Assistant-Corporation Counsel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, Shawyn Patterson-Howard, is hereby authorized to attend the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2025 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from May 14 to May 16, 2025.
- Section 2. Funding. The cost of registration for the conference will be paid for by the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the costs of transportation, incidentals, and hotel accommodations shall be reimbursed by the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00). Any additional costs shall require separate approval by the City Council.
- **Section 3.** Budgetary Appropriation. The travel expenses shall be expensed from Budget A1210.402 Travel Expense.

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

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

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Installation of a Total Wellness Sensory Room in City Hall's First Floor Employee Women's Bathroom – (Cost and Responsibilities:

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

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ADOPTED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND CONTRACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. Installation and Maintenance:

- (a) The installation shall be conducted in coordination with City officials to ensure compliance with safety and accessibility regulations.
- (b) The Social Butterfly Organization shall oversee the design and furnishing of the room, with assistance from two designated design assistants.
- (c) Additional donated items may be included based on the available space and compatibility with the room's intended purpose.

Section 3. Cost and Responsibilities:

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

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Accept a \$126,920 Technical Assistance Voucher from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for a Citywide Traffic Signal Study – (No Direct Funding to the City. The City of Mount Vernon acknowledges that it will not receive direct funds under this voucher. The DOE will select and directly compensate a qualified vendor to perform the study, adhering to its established procurement policies); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Vote Taken as Follows:4/15/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Section 1. Authorization to Accept Technical Assistance Voucher**. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to accept the \$126,920 Technical Assistance Voucher from the U.S. Department of Energy's EECBG Program to conduct a citywide traffic signal study.
- Section 2. No Direct Funding to the City. The City of Mount Vernon acknowledges that it will not receive direct funds under this voucher. The DOE will select and directly compensate a qualified vendor to perform the study, adhering to its established procurement policies.
- **Section 3.** Scope of Traffic Signal. The study will include but is not limited to:
 - (a) Analyzing traffic flow efficiency and congestion patterns.
 - (b) Assessing current signal timing and synchronization for optimization.
 - (c) Identifying opportunities for LED signal retrofits and smart traffic management technologies.
 - (d) Exploring the feasibility of adaptive traffic control system integration.

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

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the City of Mount Vernon to Host the 2025 Arbor Day Celebration in Partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Zeta Nu Omega Chapter – (April 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Hartley Park; \$5,000 to be allocated under Budget Code A8560.439); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Vote Taken as Follows:4/15/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Section 1. Authorization**. The City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to host the 2025 Arbor Day Celebration in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Nu Omega Chapter at Hartley Park on April 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Section 2. City Contribution**. The Department of Public Works shall provide a dedication plaque for the planted tree in recognition of this partnership and the shared commitment to environmental sustainability.
- **Section 3. Event Components**. The Arbor Day Celebration shall include the following key elements: a) Tree Planting Ceremony sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Nu Omega Chapter; b) Environmental education and outreach tables hosted by local organizations; c) Complimentary light refreshments for attendees.
- **Section 4. Budget Allocation**. The total cost for this event shall not exceed \$5,000 and shall be allocated under Budget Code A8560.439.

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing a Budget Line Transfer Within the Department of Public Works for Education and Training Related to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Requirements - (\$4,296.00 from A8120.405 (Sewers: Outside Contracting) to A1490.417 (Education / Training); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Vote Taken as Follows:4/15/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing Internal Training of Qualified Staff for Stormwater and Sewer State Mandates and Federal Consent Decree Actions - (funding for this training shall be sourced from the Education/Training Budget Code A1490.417 and shall not exceed \$4,296.00, allocated as follows:

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

; be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the City of Mount Vernon Recreation and Police Departments to Co-Sponsor "Rolling into Peace" in Hartley Park on Saturday, June 14, 2025 – (from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., funding for staffing and necessary expenses shall be allocated from Budget Code A7310.104, with total expenditures not exceeding \$2,500.00); be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Vote Taken as Follows:4/15/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Section 1. Authorization**. The City of Mount Vernon Recreation and Police Departments are hereby authorized to co-sponsor "Rolling into Peace" in Hartley Park on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Section 2.** City Support and Resources. The City shall provide tables, chairs, grills, a banner, and a bouncy house for the event. Additionally, the Auxiliary Police Department is requested to patrol the event if available.
- **Section 3. Funding.** Funding for staffing and necessary expenses shall be allocated from Budget Code A7310.104, with total expenditures not exceeding \$2,500.00.

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the City of Mount, through the Department of Recreation, to Co-Sponsor the Cinco de Mayo Celebration with Westchester Latino Unidos - (May 5, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hartley Park, with the rain site designated as the Doles Center at 250 South 6th Avenue; the City of Mount Vernon shall allocate up to \$1,500 for the event, to be expended from Budget Code A7620.457 (Recreation features and other expenses); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3. Departmental Support:

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Grant under the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project (Project No. 2152), Execution of Necessary Agreements, and Implementation of Required Compliance Measures – (\$675,000 awarded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); upon acceptance of the grant, the Office of the Comptroller shall establish a dedicated capital expenditure code to ensure proper allocation, tracking, and reporting of the funds in compliance with all applicable financial and regulatory requirements); 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 ACCEPT A GRANT UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTH FOURTH STREET PARK GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 2152), EXECUTION OF NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIRED COMPLIANCE MEASURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Section 1. Authorization to Accept Grant Funding. The Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant for \$675,000 awarded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) under the Environmental Protection Fund grant program for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project (Project No. 2152).
- **Section 2.** Execution of Agreements. The Mayor, or an authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), and any other applicable entities to facilitate the receipt and administration of the grant funding.

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

- **Section 4.** Compliance with regulatory Requirements. The City of Mount Vernon shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to:
 - (a) The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR);
 - (b) Any permitting and environmental assessments required for project implementation;
 - (c) Submit required documentation, including but not limited to a boundary map, property deed, and an opinion of municipal counsel, to finalize the grant agreement.
- Section 5. Project Implementation and Administration. The City shall coordinate with OPRHP's Regional Grant Administrator (RGA) to develop a detailed implementation plan, project scope, and budget allocation. The City shall allocate necessary resources for project administration, oversight, and reporting to ensure compliance with all grant terms and conditions.

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Flying Classroom for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Solar Go Kart Summer Academy - (July 8th, 2025, to August 14, 2025, for \$45,000.00); funds to be allocated as follows:

- Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from revenue code A4790.6 associated with Budget Code A6295.405 (State reimbursable grant - Project RISE);
- Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from Revenue Code A4820 associated with Budget Code A7316.405 (no cost to the city, funds are readily available, and no matching funds required); be, and the same is hereby approved.

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Section 1. Authorization into Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Flying Classroom, led by CEO Captain Barrington Irving and his team, to implement the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Solar GO KART Summer Academy for the period of July 8, 2025, through August 14, 2025, for a total amount not to exceed Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00).
- Section 2. Program Implementation. The Solar GO KART Summer Academy shall be conducted in accordance with the approved curriculum, which is nationally aligned to ensure a comprehensive educational experience for all participants. The program shall include virtual instruction and in-person sessions at Recreational Brush Park from August 5, 2025, through August 14, 2025.

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Krishna Shah, CEO of Wellness with Krishna, to Provide Mental Wellness Sessions for the Ready4LIFE Program - (April 18, 2025, to July 11, 2025, and will be funded through Revenue Code A4820.4 associated with Budget Code A7335.405 for \$10,000.00, with no cost to the City, and no matching funds required); 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 KRISHNA SHAH, CEO OF WELLNESS WITH KRISHNA, TO PROVIDE MENTAL WELLNESS SESSIONS FOR THE READY4LIFE PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Krishna Shah, CEO of Wellness With Krishna, to provide 15 mental wellness sessions for the Ready4LIFE program during the service period of April 18, 2025, to July 11, 2025, for \$10,000.00.
- Section 2. Scope of Services. Krishna Shah shall provide mental wellness sessions centered around specific themes and learning goals using diverse modalities, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Yoga
 - (b) Reiki
 - (c) Sound Therapy
 - (d) Breathwork
 - (e) Meditation
 - (f) Reflective journaling and writing exercises
 - (g) Nature-based practices (where feasible)
 - (h) Creative expression through art and movement in Group discussions and sharing circles.
- **Section 3. Special Events.** Three special events will be conducted as part of the program on the following dates and locations:
 - (a) April 23, 2025,
 - (b) May 14, 2025 (City Hall Plaza); and
 - (c) June 25, 2025

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

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Westchester County Department of Correction for Reimbursement of Prisoner Transportation Services for the Years 2023 and 2024 - (reimbursement rates for prisoner transportation shall be as follows:

For 2023:

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

For 2024:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For 2023:

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

For 2024:

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

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Transfer of Funds Within the Department of Assessment Budget Lines for the Purpose of Assessor's Remapping – (\$15,000 to be transferred from Budget Code A1355.407 (Leasing, Printing & Copying) to Budget Code A1355.204 (Assessor's Remapping)); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Transfer of Funds. The sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars Section 1. (\$15,000) is hereby authorized to be transferred from Budget Code A1355.407 (Leasing, Printing & Copying) to Budget Code A1355.204 (Assessor's Remapping) within the Department of Assessment budget.
- Purpose. The transferred funds shall be used solely for the purpose of Assessor's Remapping to maintain accurate and up-to-date official mapping for the City of Mount Vernon.
- Implementation. The Comptroller's Office and all relevant City Section 3. departments are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to effectuate the transfer of funds as outlined in this Ordinance.
- Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon Section 4. its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on April 10, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the City Court Marshal for Booting Services - (the total expenditure for the contract shall not exceed \$120,000 annually and shall be allocated from Budget Line A1130.405); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Section 1. Authorization**. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a two-year contract with the City Court Marshal for booting services, at an annual cost of \$120,000, to enhance parking enforcement and revenue collection efforts.
- **Section 2. Scope of Services**. Under the terms of the contract, the City Court Marshal shall be responsible for the identification and immobilization of scofflaw vehicles with outstanding violations, summonses, fines, penalties, and/or liens.
- **Section 3. Funding**. The total expenditure for the contract shall not exceed \$120,000 annually and shall be allocated from Budget Line A1130.405.
- **Section 4. Effective Date**. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF BRENDA SMITH

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2021, Brenda Smith filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon, seeking \$90,000.00 in compensation for injuries sustained from an alleged trip and fall at the intersection of 200 Gramatan Avenue on November 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith asserts she suffered injuries to her right knee due to an uneven and cracked sidewalk and has experienced intermittent pain since the incident; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2022, a federal lawsuit was filed against the City of Mount Vernon on behalf of Ms. Smith; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 11, 2025, the Corporation Counsel has recommended settling this claim for \$15,000.00; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Mount Vernon approves the settlement of Brenda Smith's claim for \$15,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this amount shall be disbursed from Budget Code A1910.469 (Insurance - Claims) in the 2025 Budget.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND CONTRACT

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Vote Taken as Follows:4/15/2025

WHEREAS, proceedings for the review of final tax assessments have been brought against the City of Mount Vernon for the reduction of the final assessed valuations as hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon City Charter, section 152, provides that the Corporation Counsel shall, whenever he considers that the interests of the City will be subserved thereby, enter into a written agreement subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Contract to compromise and settle any claim against the City; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Corporation Counsel, this Board of Estimate and Contract deems it in the best interests of the City to settle said proceedings as hereinafter provided; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the settlements of tax review proceedings for the reduction of tax assessments brought in the Supreme Court, Westchester County, by the hereinafter named petitioner against the Commissioner of Assessment and the Board of Assessment Review, which proceedings are filed under the Westchester County Clerk's Index Numbers as indicated, are hereby authorized and directed, and the following assessed valuations of the said properties for the respective years hereinafter set forth are hereby allowed, together with refunds of excess taxes paid hereinafter provided:

INDEX NOS.: 68360/24 PREMISES: 501 Seventh Ave. S
PETITIONER: Pablo Valencia

Tax Map No.: 169.38-3073-1								
Assessment Year(s)	Tax Year(s)	Prior Total Assessment	Adjusted Total Assessment	Reduction	Tax to be Refunded by City			
2024	2025/26	\$6,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$1,754.41			
TOTAL: \$1,754.41								

TOTAL REFUND: \$1,754.41 without costs and with interest, which interest shall be waived by petitioner if the refunds are paid within 90 days of the service of the judgment with notice of entry. Amount of refund based upon calculation and the assumptions that all taxes have been paid at the prior total assessment and all refunds will be paid within 90 days of service of the judgment with notice of entry. The amount to be actually refunded is subject to audit and approval of the Comptroller; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in each said case, the Commissioner of Assessment is hereby authorized, upon receipt of a certified copy of the proper judgment made by a Justice of the Supreme Court of the County of Westchester, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, to correct the respective assessment roll or rolls in relation to the said respective properties of the abovementioned property owner to

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Vote Taken as Follows:4/15/2025 Browne: Yea Morton: Yea Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution: Adopted reflect the respective reduced assessments as hereinabove set forth and provided in said judgment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in any of the said cases, upon receipt by the Corporation Counsel of the certified copy of the respective appropriate judgment or order signed by a Justice of the Supreme Court of said County, in said respective proceedings, directing the correction of the assessment or assessments involved on the roll or rolls for the designated year or years, and directing a refund the excessive taxes paid as stated above, and settling and discontinuing such proceeding, with prejudice, which said papers shall be satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel and upon receipt by the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to audit and allow and to draw a draft or drafts to the order of the said respective taxpayers or their attorneys who have paid said tax or taxes and are entitled to such refunds of the City taxes, without costs with interest which interest shall be waived by the petitioner if refunds as paid within 90 days of service of the judgment with notice of entry, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND CONTRACT

OF COUNSEL

APPROVED:

OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Dept. LAW

Clerk

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INDEX NOS.: 68358/24

PREMISES:

46 Sanford Blvd W

PETITIONER: Pablo Valencia

Tax Map No.: 169.38-3073-33								
Assessment Year(s)	Tax Year(s)	Prior Total Assessment	Adjusted Total Assessment	Reduction	Tax to be Refunded by City			
2024	2025/26	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1002.52			
TOTAL: \$1002.52								

TOTAL REFUND: \$1002.52 without costs and with interest, which interest shall be waived by petitioner if the refunds are paid within 90 days of the service of the judgment with notice of entry. Amount of refund based upon calculation and the assumptions that all taxes have been paid at the prior total assessment and all refunds will be paid within 90 days of service of the judgment with notice of entry. The amount to be actually refunded is subject to audit and approval of the Comptroller; and be it further

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND CONTRACT

OF COUNSEL

APPROVED:

OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Dept. LAW

Clark