

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025.**

Scheduled for 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.

**** This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, with virtual participation via ZOOM and CMVNY Facebook. The meeting was not closed to the public.****

PRESIDING: Danielle Browne, President

OTHERS: Nicole Bonilla, Deputy City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by Deputy Corporation Counsel Johan Powell

Council President Danielle Browne called the meeting to order and provided general house-keeping rules, including encouraging citizens to share the meeting on social media and what to do “in case of emergency”. Council President Gleason explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. She then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

PUBLIC COMMENT

7:09 pm Wilma Frank, Mount Vernon, NY

Discussed tax burden on homeowners and the elected official raises.

Councilman Boxhill - arrived late did not catch the speakers comments

Councilman Poteat - spoke on taxes juxtapose with pilots and the lack of economic development for the city.

Councilman Gleason - agree with the speaker on not continuing to over tax the taxpayer. Council is partnering with the administration on economic development updates

Councilman Thompson - all council members are tax payers, we are not happy with increases either, we work very hard. We all must work together.

7:13 pm Gabriel Thompson, Mount Vernon, NY

Over a year since any info on what will be done about me and my neighbors flooding. Also, approval of ezone for low income housing project that will require 10's of millions of dollars in PILOTS-council is effectively approving PILOTS in advance, whether they want to claim otherwise or not.

Councilman Boxhill - residents are due an update and offered speaker to reach out to him directly. Spoke on pilots and low income housing and the saturation of those projects in Mount Vernon and suggested that they should be spread out throughout Westchester.

Councilman Poteat - we have to answer to the residence in the community on second avenue and the dilapidated eyesore rodent ridden building.

Councilman Gleason - Agree that an update is needed. Contacted Department of Public Works.

Councilman Thompson - pilots are not under council, they are under the Industrial Development Agency (IDA). Spoke in past history with business receiving pilots. Do not agree with pilots. Spoke on

the hard work that the Council does to do the best of the city.

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by Deputy City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

PRESENT: President Danielle Browne Esq., Pro Tempore Edward Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Derrick Thompson, Councilperson Jaevon Boxhill, and Councilperson Cathlin Gleason

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

The **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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1. **[TMP-1046](#)**
Code: LPW
Attachments: [Referral Letter - USCM 93 Winter Meeting.pdf](#)
[USCM - 93rd winter meeting agenda.pdf](#)
Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill
On the question: none.
Response: none.
 adopted
Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason
Nay: None
Absent: None
 2. **[TMP-1085](#)**
Code: LPW
Attachments: [Referral Letter - NYCOM Winter Legislative \(NYCOM - 2025 Winter Legislative Meeting A](#)
Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill
On the question: none.
Response: none.
 adopted
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Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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3. [TMP-1116](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Lease Extension 6 Gramatan.pdf](#)

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4. [TMP-1000](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [ABICA2025.pdf](#)
[DPW Response to ABICA Event.pdf](#)
[FD Response ABICA Food Festival.pdf](#)
[PD ABICA Response.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

(A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Mrs. Evelyn Paula Nelson Young)

5. [TMP-1129](#)

Code: PSC

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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6. [TMP-1130](#)

Code: LPW

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **HUMAN RESOURCES** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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7. [TMP-1036](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Funfilled summer letter2025.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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8. [TMP-1102](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [ALB Yth Conf.pdf](#)
[25 YLF Itinerary.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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9. [TMP-1105](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Extended WCHC Referral Letter- SP4OG .pdf](#)
[Extended WCHC - SP4OG.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

No Items

To the Council:

The **FINANCE AND PLANNING** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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10. [TMP-1103](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [MV East.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

ADD-ON

To the Council:

The **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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- 11. [TMP-1133](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [NYCOM Winter Legislative Mtg 2025.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

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- 12. [TMP-1141](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Charter Review Appointments.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

The **FINANCE AND PLANNING** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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13. [TMP-1142](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [COMP2024-17 – List of Delinquent Taxes.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: Councilman Boxhill: New York State requires that the Council to accept notice and have seven days to decide.

Associate Corporation Counsel Powell: Next meeting will be to approve the list. Then comptroller has specific requirements.

Councilman Gleason: There's constant question as to what is the next step.

ACC Powell: After council approves the list, the comptroller has publishing requirements with New York State, county and internally. List becomes public then the liens can go out.

Councilman Poteat: Comptroller sent an email on Christmas eve, they have to put on an Request For Proposals.

Councilman Poteat: It will help seniors more

Councilman Boxhill: People who have responded to notices are not on the list

Councilman Gleason: I had brief conversation with comptroller. I would support another tax amnesty.

Council President Browne: Gleason, how many people take advantage of the program?

Councilman Gleason: I can work to get a list from the Comptroller.

adopted

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Motion to Adjourn

approved

Aye: President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm
Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk