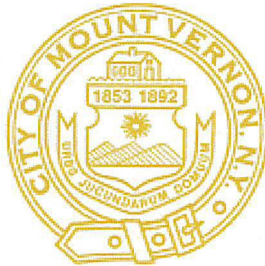


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Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, January 13, 2025

4:00 PM

MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 1st FLOOR

Board of Estimate & Contract

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

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

OTHERS: Chief of Staff Malcolm Clark, Asst. Corporation Counsel Johan Powell, Deputy City Clerk Nicole J. Bonilla, Assistant Comptroller Condell Hamilton

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA**RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ORDINANCES**

1. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Staff to Attend the United States Conference of Mayors 93rd Winter Meeting in Washington, DC, and Approving Related Expenditures (January 17-19, 2025)
2. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Attend the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Meeting 2025 - (February 2-4, 2025)
3. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) Food Festival on May 24, 2025
4. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the County of Westchester for Funding the Fun Filled Summer Park Activation Program
5. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Attendance of Youth Bureau Staff and Youth at the Annual Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) Youth Leadership Forum - February 3-4, 2025 in Albany NY)
6. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4, Authorizing the Mayor to Extend the Westchester Community Health Center for Mental Health and Wellness Service Contract through the Youth Bureau's Program - (from: December 15, 2023, to May 3, 2024) a new expiration date of August 2025)
7. City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Travel and Expenses for the City Council President, Danielle Browne to attend the 2025 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Session - (February 2-4, 2025 in Albany, NY)
- Held → 8. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Submission of the List of Delinquent Taxes and Approving Procedures for Tax Lien Sales and In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings

SALARY RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

9. Salary Resolution Amendment - Minimum-Maximum (MEO-Sanitation)

SETTLEMENTS

- 10. Settling the Claim of Christian Ramirez - \$20,000
- 11. Settlement of Z.G., a minor by his father and Natural Guardian, Mahlon Goma - \$30,000
- Held -> 12. Settlement of Noel Santana - \$22,500
- Held -> 13. Settlement of Shimeka Punter - \$12,500
- Held -> 14. Settlement of Romie Lawrence - \$18,000

Agenda was concluded at ____ PM

Chairwoman Patterson-Howard asked if there was new business:

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

JAN 13 2025


1

RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on January 8, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on January 9, 2025, authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Staff to Attend the United States Conference of Mayors 93rd Winter Meeting in Washington, DC, and Approving Related Expenditures - (January 17-19, 2025) – (registration costs for each attendee shall not exceed \$1,500.00. The trip expenses, including transportation, hotel accommodations, and incidentals, shall not exceed \$5,000.00. All costs shall be charged to budget line A 1210.402 – Travel); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

**ADOPTED BY
BOARD OF ESTIMATE
AND CONTRACT**

Clerk
DEPUTY

JAN - 8 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CHIEF OF STAFF TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS
93RD WINTER MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC,
AND APPROVING RELATED EXPENDITURES

Whereas, by letter dated December 17, 2024, the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon has requested legislation authorizing her and the Chief of Staff are hereby authorized to attend the United States Conference of Mayors 93rd Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., from January 17, 2025, to January 19, 2025; and

Whereas, the United States Conference of Mayors will hold its 93rd Winter Meeting in Washington, DC, from January 17 to January 19, 2025, providing a valuable platform for municipal leaders to connect, exchange ideas, and explore federal initiatives; and

Whereas, the participation of Mayor Patterson-Howard and the Chief of Staff in this conference will support the City of Mount Vernon in addressing critical municipal issues, fostering collaboration with other cities, and ensuring the City's priorities align with federal programs and opportunities; and

Whereas, the total cost of registration for the conference is not to exceed \$1,500.00 per person, with the overall trip expenses, including transportation, incidentals, and hotel accommodations, not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

Whereas, funding for this purpose has been identified in budget line A 1210.402 – Travel, ensuring no additional financial burden on the City beyond what has been allocated; and

Whereas, this investment in leadership development and intergovernmental engagement aligns with the City's commitment to good governance and community service; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

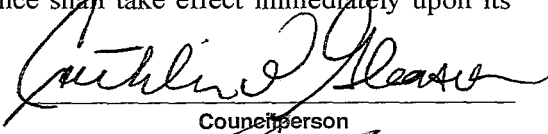
Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor and Chief of Staff are authorized to attend the United States Conference of Mayors 93rd Winter Meeting in Washington, DC, from January 17 to January 19, 2025.

Section 2. Appropriation and Expenditure. The City Council approves the expenditure of funds for this purpose as follows:


- 1. Registration costs for each attendee shall not exceed \$1,500.00.
- 2. The total trip expenses, including transportation, hotel accommodations, and incidentals, shall not exceed \$5,000.00.
- 3. All expenses shall be charged to budget line A 1210.402 – Travel.

Section 3. Purpose and Reporting. Participation in the conference is intended to enhance the City's governance and improve intergovernmental relations. Upon return, the Mayor or Chief of Staff shall provide the City Council with a summary report of key insights and opportunities identified during the conference.

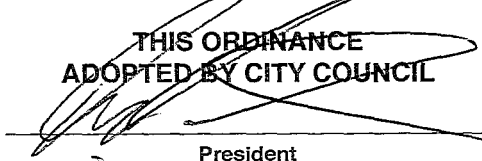
Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.



Catherine Gleason
Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy

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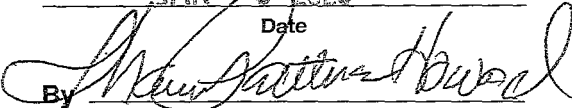

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

JAN - 8 2025

Date


By Mayor

APPROVED

Dept. _____

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/8/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Potest: Yea Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

JAN 13 2025

2

RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on January 8, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on January 9, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Attend the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Meeting 2025 - (February 2-4, 2025) - (the total cost of the trip, including registration fees not exceeding \$500.00 and all related expenses (transportation, hotel, and incidentals) not exceeding \$1,000.00, shall be expensed from budget line A 1210.402 – Travel); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY
BOARD OF ESTIMATE
AND CONTRACT


Clerk

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JAN - 8 2025

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ATTEND THE NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE OF
MAYORS (NYCOM) WINTER LEGISLATIVE MEETING 2025

Whereas, by letter dated December 13, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing her to attend the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, New York, from February 2, 2025, to February 4, 2025; and

Whereas, the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Meeting is scheduled to take place in Albany, New York, from February 2 to February 4, 2025; and

Whereas, the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting provides a valuable platform for mayors and municipal leaders from across New York State to collaborate, share ideas, and address policy matters of mutual concern, fostering a unified message to the New York State legislature; and

Whereas, the event includes four policy committee meetings, keynote speakers, and educational workshops designed to explore and address substantive policy issues relevant to municipalities; and

Whereas, attendance at this meeting by Mayor Patterson-Howard will enhance the City of Mount Vernon's ability to advocate for funding, resources, and partnership opportunities, which are critical to the City's development and sustainability; and

Whereas, the total cost of the trip, including registration, transportation, hotel fees, and incidentals, will not exceed \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) and will be expensed from budget line A 1210.402 – Travel; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization to Attend Meeting. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, Mayor Patterson-Howard, is hereby authorized to attend the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, New York, from February 2, 2025, to February 4, 2025.

Section 2. Appropriation of Funds. The total cost of the trip, including registration fees not exceeding \$500.00 and all related expenses (transportation, hotel, and incidentals) not exceeding \$1,000.00, shall be expensed from budget line A 1210.402 – Travel.

Section 3. Purpose and Benefit. Attendance at the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting will allow the Mayor to:

1. Collaborate with other municipal leaders and share best practices.
2. Support funding, tools, and New York State legislature partnerships.
3. Address substantive policy issues through committee meetings, workshops, and keynote sessions.

Section 4. Accountability. The Mayor shall provide a summary report to the City Council detailing the key takeaways, potential benefits for the City of Mount Vernon, and any actionable outcomes resulting from the meeting.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

Dept.

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

By

Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/8/2025

Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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JAN 13 2025


3

RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on January 8, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on January 9, 2025, authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) Food Festival on May 24, 2025 – (anticipated cost of \$2,500. Funds are to be allocated from Budget Code 7620.458); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

**ADOPTED BY
BOARD OF ESTIMATE
AND CONTRACT**

Clerk
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT
OF RECREATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE ANTIGUA
AND BARBUDA INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL
ASSOCIATION (ABICA) FOOD FESTIVAL
ON MAY 24, 2025**

Whereas, by letter dated October 29, 2024, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the 2025 International Food Festival at Hartley Park on Saturday, May 24, 2025; and

Whereas, the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) has requested the City of Mount Vernon's co-sponsorship of the 2025 International Food Festival to promote cultural and educational enrichment for residents; and

Whereas, ABICA is a community-based organization composed of Mount Vernon residents of Antiguan and Barbudan heritage, dedicated to uplifting the community through events that foster cultural awareness; and

Whereas, the International Food Festival will take place at Hartley Park on Saturday, May 24, 2025, and will require specific City resources, including park access, street closures, and support from various municipal departments; and

Whereas, the Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and Mount Vernon Police Department have reviewed the logistical requirements for the event and support its implementation, subject to compliance with applicable safety and permitting regulations; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1 Definitions.

1. **ABICA:** Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association, the event organizer.
2. **International Food Festival:** This cultural and educational event features local food and craft vendors, cultural activities, and family-friendly amusements.
3. **Co-sponsorship:** The City of Mount Vernon provides financial and logistical support as described in this Ordinance.

Section 2. Event Authorization. The City Council authorizes the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the 2025 International Food Festival at Hartley Park on Saturday, May 24, 2025.

Section 3. Permitted Use of City Resources.

1. **Park Access:** Hartley Park will be available to ABICA from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., set up from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the event from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and cleanup from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
2. **Street Closures:** Oakley Avenue (at the Senior Pavilion) to Crary Avenue will be closed from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 24, 2025.

Section 4. Support Services.

1. **Recreation Department:**
 - o Provide chairs, tables, a bouncy house, and other amusement activities at an anticipated cost of \$2,500.
 - o Funds to be allocated from Budget Code 7620.458.

- 2. **Mount Vernon Police Department:**
 - o Auxiliary Officers to provide security. ABICA will bear the cost for officers.
- 3. **Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD):**
 - o Conduct pre-event safety inspections for vendors using propane, grills, or open flames.
 - o Ensure vendor compliance with fire safety regulations.
 - o Vendors must contact the Fire Prevention Office at (914) 665-2611 or 665-2612 at least one week before the event.
- 4. **Department of Public Works (DPW):**
 - o Post "No Parking" signs 72 hours before the event.
 - o Deliver barricades 24 hours before the event.
 - o Collect and dispose of all bagged trash after the event cleanup.

Section 5. Vendor Requirements.


- 1. Vendors must submit a one-day vendor permit application through ABICA's vendor package.
- 2. Vendors utilizing grills, propane, or open flames must obtain pre-approval from the MVFD.

Section 6. Compliance and Liability. ABICA shall ensure compliance with all City ordinances and coordinate with City departments for required permits, inspections, and approvals.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/8/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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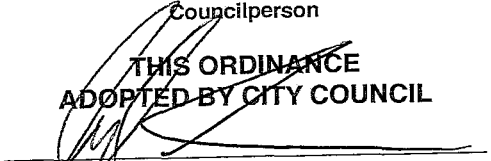

Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy

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Councilperson

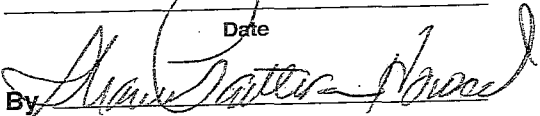
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ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED
JAN - 9 2025

Date

By _____ Mayor

JAN 13 2025

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on January 8, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on January 9, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the County of Westchester for Funding the Fun Filled Summer Park Activation Program – (July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025; grant of \$8,436.00; funds provided under this agreement are to be deposited into Revenue Account A2229.15 (Westchester County-funded recreation grants) and appropriated to accounts A7310.104 (youth program salary – part-time) and A7310.458 (equipment, trips, guest speakers, and supplies)); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY
BOARD OF ESTIMATE
AND CONTRACT


DEPUTY Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY
OF WESTCHESTER FOR FUNDING THE FUN
FILLED SUMMER PARK ACTIVATION PROGRAM

Whereas, by letter dated November 19, 2024, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the County of Westchester to receive and utilize \$8,436.00 in grant funding for the Fun Filled Summer Park Activation Program for the period of July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025; and

Whereas, the County of Westchester has offered a grant of \$8,436.00 to the City of Mount Vernon Recreation Department for the operation of the Fun Filled Summer Park Activation Program from July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025; and

Whereas, the program provides engagement activities for youth from Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at various parks throughout the City of Mount Vernon, enhancing recreational opportunities and community engagement; and

Whereas, the funds provided under this agreement are to be deposited into Revenue Account A2229.15 (Westchester County-funded recreation grants) and appropriated to accounts A7310.104 (youth program salary – part-time) and A7310.458 (equipment, trips, guest speakers, and supplies) to support program operations; 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 an agreement with the County of Westchester to receive and utilize \$8,436.00 in grant funding for the Fun Filled Summer Park Activation Program for the period of July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025.

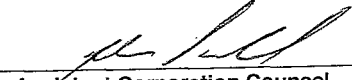
Section 2. Fund Allocation. The grant funds shall be deposited into Revenue Account A2229.15 and appropriated as follows:

- 1. **A7310.104** – Youth Program Salary (Part-Time): To support salaries for program staff.
- 2. **A7310.458** – Equipment, Trips, Guest Speakers, and Supplies: To provide necessary resources and activities for program operations.

Section 3. Program Oversight. The Recreation Department shall be responsible for the administration and oversight of the Fun Filled Summer Park Activation Program and shall provide a report to the City Council summarizing program outcomes and the utilization of funds.

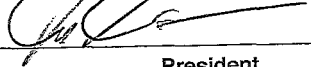
Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel


Councilperson

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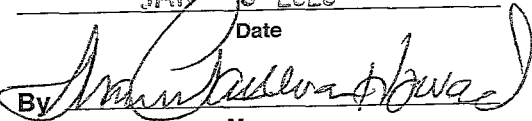

President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

JAN 9 2025
Date


By Mayor,

APPROVED

Dept. _____

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/8/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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JAN 13 2025

5

RESOLVED, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on January 8, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on January 9, 2025, authorizing the Attendance of Youth Bureau Staff and Youth at the Annual Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) Youth Leadership Forum – (February 3-4, 2025 in Albany NY; the total cost of the Forum, including lodging, registration fees, and transportation, will not exceed \$900.00 and will be expensed through Budget Code A7311-423); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY
BOARD OF ESTIMATE
AND CONTRACT


DEPUTY Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE
OF YOUTH BUREAU STAFF AND YOUTH AT THE
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE YOUTH
BUREAUS (ANYSYB) YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Whereas, by letter dated December 16, 2024, the Deputy Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing three (3) Youth Bureau staff members and five (5) youth to attend the Annual ANYSYB Youth Leadership Forum in Troy, NY, on February 3rd and 4th, 2025; and

Whereas, the Annual Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) Youth Leadership Forum is scheduled to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 235 Hoosick Street, Troy, NY, on February 3rd and 4th, 2025; and

Whereas, this Forum includes interactive leadership and educational seminars for youth (ages 12 and older) and Youth Bureau personnel from New York State, offering participants opportunities to engage in teambuilding exercises, group discussions, advocacy training, and interactions with Assembly and Senate elected officials; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of developing youth leadership skills and empowering youth to advocate for themselves and the City; and

Whereas, the total cost of the Forum, including lodging, registration fees, and transportation, will not exceed \$900.00 and will be expensed through Budget Code A7311-423;
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization for Attendance. The City Council authorizes three (3) Youth Bureau staff members and five (5) youth to attend the Annual ANYSYB Youth Leadership Forum in Troy, NY, on February 3rd and 4th, 2025.

Section 2. Cost of Attendance.

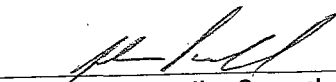
1. Registration fees for adult chaperones: \$50.00 per person, totaling \$100.00 for two (2) chaperones. The third adult's registration fee is complimentary.
2. Lodging fees: \$150.00 per room, totaling \$600.00 for four (4) rooms, with a complimentary fifth room provided by NYS Youth Bureaus.
3. Transportation costs: The Mt. Vernon Youth Bureau bus will be utilized. Gas will be filled up at the DPW Canal Street garage, and additional gas, tolls, and parking costs will be reimbursable at up to \$200.00.
4. The total cost shall not exceed \$900.00 and shall be exposed through the Budget Code A7311-423.

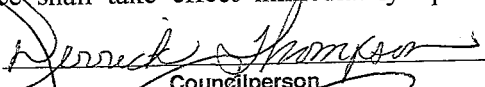
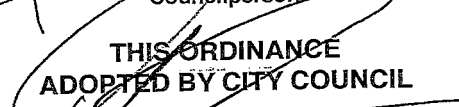
Section 3. Transportation. A Youth Bureau staff member will drive the bus, and as outlined in Section 2, all transportation expenses, including gas, tolls, and parking, will be reimbursed.

Section 4. Purpose of Attendance. This attendance aims to provide youth with leadership development opportunities, advocacy training, and the ability to engage with elected officials, fostering civic engagement and leadership within the City of Mount Vernon.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy



Councilperson
**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

JAN - 9 2025
Date


By Mayor

APPROVED

Dept. _____

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/8/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

6

RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on January 8, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on January 9, 2025, authorizing the Amendment of Ordinance No. 4, Authorizing the Mayor to Extend the Westchester Community Health Center for Mental Health and Wellness Service Contract through the Youth Bureau's Program - (from: December 15, 2023, to May 3, 2024) a new expiration date of August 2025) – (program funding is accounted for in Revenue Code A2229.8, and appropriations are reflected in Budget Code A7318.405 (Contracted Outside Services), with no matching obligation and funds provided as a cash advance. The remaining balance of \$30,000 as of November 2024 is allocated to fulfill contractual services under the amended agreement with WCHC, to be expended by Budget Code A7318.405); be, and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 1/13/2025
Morton: Yea Browne: Yea
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

**ADOPTED BY
BOARD OF ESTIMATE
AND CONTRACT**

DEPUTY Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4,
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOR
MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICE CONTRACT
THROUGH THE YOUTH BUREAU'S SP4OG PROGRAM**

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

Whereas, by letter dated December 18, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the amendment of ORDINANCE NO. 4, ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon adopted Ordinance No. 4 on November 21, 2023, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Westchester Community Health Center (WCHC) for Mental Health and Wellness Services under the Safe Place 4 Our Girls (SP4OG) program, initially covering the period of December 15, 2023, to May 3, 2024, with an awarded amount of \$50,000; and

Whereas, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has been granted a one-year, no-cost allocation extension to continue the SP4OG program, resulting in a new expiration date of August 2025; and

Whereas, as of November 2024, the WCHC has a remaining balance of \$30,000 to fulfill its contractual services for the provision of Mental Health and Wellness services to youth through the SP4OG program; and

Whereas, the program funding is accounted for in Revenue Code A2229.8, and appropriations are reflected in Budget Code A7318.405 (Contracted Outside Services), with no matching obligation and funds provided as a cash advance; and

Whereas, the continuation and extension of this program is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to ensure mental health and wellness services are provided to vulnerable youth; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordains, and enacts:

Section 1. Amendment of Ordinance No. 4. Ordinance No. 4, entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Westchester Community Health Center for Mental Health and Wellness Services" adopted on November 21, 2023, is hereby amended to extend the Westchester Community Health Center for Mental Health and Wellness Service contract period through the Youth Bureau's Safe Place 4 Our Girls (SP4OG) program until August 2025.

Section 2. Remaining Funds Allocation. The remaining balance of \$30,000 as of November 2024 is allocated to fulfill contractual services under the amended agreement with WCHC, to be expended by Budget Code A7318.405.

Section 3. Revenue and Appropriation Codes. Funding for this program shall be reflected in Revenue Code A2229.8 and appropriations in Budget Code A7318.405.

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Section 4. No Matching Obligation. This grant does not require matching funds from the City of Mount Vernon. All funds will be provided as a cash payment.

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

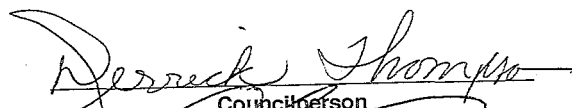
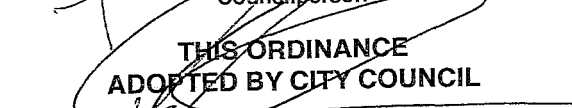
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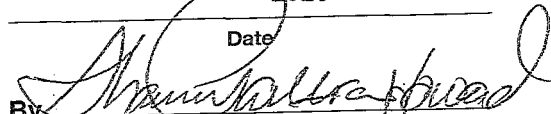
THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


Councilperson

President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED
JAN - 8 2025

Date _____

By _____
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/8/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on January 8, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on January 9, 2025, authorizing the Travel and Expenses for the City Council President, Danielle Browne, to attend the 2025 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Meeting - (February 2-4, 2025, in Albany, NY). A maximum expenditure of \$1,400 is authorized for this purpose, to be allocated as follows:

- \$410.00 for registration, conference materials, and meals, to be charged to A1010.417 (Education and Training).
- \$357.96 for lodging (\$157/night for two nights), to be charged to A1010.402 (Travel Expenses).
- \$632.04 for transportation and incidental expenses, to be charged to A1010.402 (Travel Expenses); be, and the same is hereby approved.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Assistant Corporation Counsel

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRAVEL
AND EXPENSES FOR THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DANIELLE BROWNE TO ATTEND THE 2025
NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND
MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS (NYCOM) WINTER
LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

Whereas, by letter dated January 6, 2025, the Legislative Assistant to the City Council has requested legislation authorizing City Council President Danielle Browne to attend the 2025 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Meeting, to be held in Albany, NY, from February 2-4, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of professional development and collaboration among municipal leaders to improve governance and service delivery for its residents; and

Whereas, the 2025 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Meeting provides an opportunity for municipal officials to engage in valuable dialogue, receive updated legislative and policy insights, and network with elected officials and legislative representatives; and

Whereas, Council President Danielle Browne has been invited to attend this Conference, which will enhance her ability to serve the City through the acquisition of new knowledge, resources, and relationships critical to advancing the City's interests; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes the importance of supporting its elected officials in accessing such developmental opportunities; and

Whereas, it is estimated that the total cost of attendance, including registration, lodging, transportation, and incidental expenses, will not exceed \$1,400, and these costs will be allocated from designated budgetary accounts; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization. Council President Danielle Browne is authorized to attend the 2025 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Winter Legislative Meeting, to be held in Albany, NY, from February 2 to February 4, 2025.

Section 2. Allocation of Funds. A maximum expenditure of \$1,400 is authorized for this purpose, to be allocated as follows:


- **\$410.00** for registration, conference materials, and meals, to be charged to **A1010.417 (Education and Training)**.
- **\$357.96** for lodging (\$157/night for two nights), to be charged to **A1010.402 (Travel Expenses)**.
- **\$632.04** for transportation and incidental expenses, to be charged to **A1010.402 (Travel Expenses)**.

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/8/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

Section 3. Submission of Expense Report. Council President Danielle Browne shall submit all receipts and documentation of expenditures to the City's Finance Department within 30 days of completing the trip. Any unused funds shall be returned to the City.

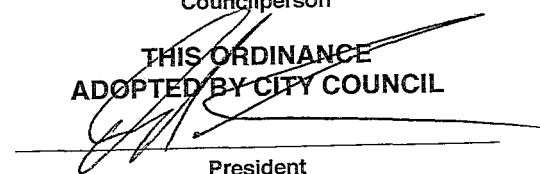
Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy


Councilperson

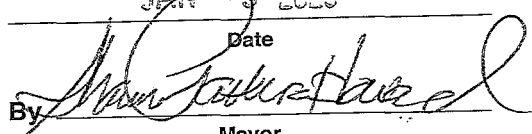
THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED
JAN - 9 2025


Date
Mayor

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RESOLVED, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on January 8, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on January 9, 2025, authorizing the Submission of the List of Delinquent Taxes and Approving Procedures for Tax Lien Sales and In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings, as follows:

	Taxes Due	Interest & Penalties	Total Due Amount
Installment Plan Request	10,679,932.44	7,286,496.34	17,966,428.78
Commercial/Non-Residential	6,047,578.84	4,587,051.08	10,634,629.92
Residential (more than 5 years)	5,628,804.40	4,354,668.64	9,983,473.04
Residential (under 5 years)	2,246,286.99	831,818.19	3,078,105.18
Open Taxes Issues	2,171,261.78	7,440,359.21	9,611,620.99
Bankruptcy / Court Case	164,306.35	135,209.32	299,515.67
	26,938,170.80	24,635,602.78	51,573,773.58

be, and the same is hereby approved.

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION
OF THE LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND
APPROVING PROCEDURES FOR TAX LIEN SALES
AND IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS**

Whereas, by letter dated December 19, 2024, the Comptroller has requested legislation authorizing the City Council to acknowledge receipt of the List of Delinquent Taxes as submitted on December 19, 2024; and

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 783 of the Laws of New York governing foreclosure proceedings in the City of Mount Vernon, the City Council is authorized to implement processes for the collection of delinquent property taxes, interest, and penalties; and

Whereas, as of December 19, 2024, the City of Mount Vernon has a total of \$51 million in outstanding property taxes, interest, and penalties, including \$26.9 million in property taxes and \$24.6 million in interest and penalties; and

Whereas, the City has prepared a comprehensive List of Delinquent Taxes identifying properties subject to tax lien sale or foreclosure proceedings, categorized as follows:

- Properties with two or more years of tax liens;
- Properties requesting installment plans for repayment; and
- Properties requiring exclusion from tax lien sales due to unresolved tax discrepancies, bankruptcies, or other legal matters; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislative process requires the submission of these lists for review and approval at a City Council meeting, with final action to be taken no sooner than seven days after the initial agenda appearance; and

WHEREAS, the City has analyzed the delinquent tax categories and the anticipated outcomes of advancing both a tax lien sale and In Rem Foreclosure proceedings, as follows:

	Taxes Due	Interest & Penalties	Total Due Amount
Installment Plan Request	10,679,932.44	7,286,496.34	17,966,428.78
Commercial/Non-Residential	6,047,578.84	4,587,051.08	10,634,629.92
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Whereas, it is anticipated that advancing the sale of tax liens for commercial/non-residential properties and residential properties with five or more years of arrears will generate approximately \$20.5 million, with a minimum recoupment of \$8.9 million in outstanding taxes; and

Whereas, the City intends to concurrently initiate in-rem foreclosure proceedings for residential properties with less than five years of arrears, utilizing the expertise of the Law Department or an external contractor; and

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Whereas, over 135 property owners have requested installment plans, representing \$18 million in arrears, and approximately \$10 million remains tied to unresolved tax issues; and

Whereas, the City Council is committed to ensuring due process and equitable treatment of all property owners, while maintaining fiscal responsibility and transparency in the administration of tax collection processes; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. List of Delinquent Taxes. The City Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the List of Delinquent Taxes as submitted on December 19, 2024, which includes:

- Complete list of properties with two or more years of tax liens;
- List of properties requesting installment plans; and
- List of properties excluded from tax lien sale due to open tax issues, unresolved discrepancies, bankruptcies, or other legal matters.

Any updates or edits to these lists shall be submitted to the City Council prior to the commencement of foreclosure and/or tax lien proceedings.

Section 2. Tax Lien Sale Process. The City Council authorizes the advancement of the tax lien sale process for:

- Commercial and non-residential properties with five or more years of arrears; and
- Residential properties with five or more years of arrears.

The anticipated outcomes include:

- Recoupment of at least \$8.9 million in outstanding taxes; and
- Potential negotiation of additional revenue from interest and penalties.

Section 3. In REM Foreclosure Process. The City Council authorizes initiating in-rem foreclosure proceedings for residential properties with less than five years of arrears. The Law Department or a qualified third-party contractor shall be engaged to facilitate this process.

Section 4. Payment Plan Requests and Open Issues. The City Council acknowledges the following:

- Over 135 property owners have requested installment payment plans, representing an aggregate amount of \$18 million in arrears.
- Approximately \$10 million in arrears is tied to unresolved discrepancies, bankruptcies, or other legal matters.

The City Administration shall continue to:

- Work with property owners to obtain payment documentation;
- Review assessment records in coordination with the Assessor's Office; and
- Collaborate with title companies to resolve outstanding issues.


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Section 5. Timeline and Approval Process. In accordance with the In Rem Law, the submitted lists shall be acted upon at a subsequent City Council meeting no sooner than seven days following their first appearance on the agenda.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/8/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Potat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

Deputy

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THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL


Councilperson


President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

JAN - 9 2025

Date

By 

Mayor

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RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 8, adopted by this Board of Estimate & Contract on January 7, 2025, is hereby amended for the position shown below as follows:

Position: MEO – (Sanitation)			
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u>	<u>Maximum Salary</u>	<u>Annual Increment</u>
VIC	\$60,249.89	\$82,370.71	\$2,475.91


and be it further,

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
SETTLEMENT CLAIM FILED BY CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ**

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2022, Christian Ramirez filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon (the “City”) alleging violation of his civil rights on February 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2022, a federal lawsuit was filed against the City of Mount Vernon on behalf of Christian Ramirez and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, the City of Mount Vernon has reached a settlement agreement in the total amount of \$20,000, inclusive of all costs and attorney’s fees, with payment structured as follows:

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel, by letter dated December 16, 2024, recommends that the Board of Estimate & Contract approve this settlement in the total amount of \$20,000; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**


RESOLVED, that the aforesaid claim of CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ, be settled for the sum of \$20,000.00 and that said settlement be and the same hereby is approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, the payment shall be allocated from Budget Code A1930.494 (Judgments & Settlements), 2025 Budge0t.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
SETTLEMENT CLAIM FILED BY MAHLON GOMA
NATURAL GUARDIAN FOR Z.G., A MINOR**

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2019, Mahlon Goma, Natural Guardian for Z.G., a minor, filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") alleging violation of his son's civil rights and personal injury action based on a motor vehicle collision that occurred on September 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2020, a federal lawsuit was filed against the City of Mount Vernon on behalf of Mahlon Goma, Natural Guardian for Z.G., a minor; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, the City of Mount Vernon has reached a settlement agreement in the total amount of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel, by letter dated January 3, 2025, recommends that the Board of Estimate & Contract approve this settlement in the total amount of \$30,000; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

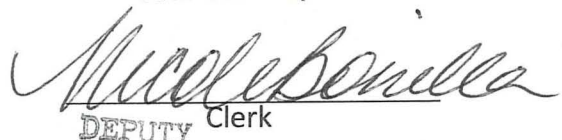
RESOLVED, that the aforesaid claim of MAHLON GOMA, natural guardian to Z.G., a minor, be settled for the sum of \$30,000.00 and that said settlement be and the same hereby is approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, the payment shall be allocated from Budget Code A1930.494 (Judgments & Settlements), 2025 Budget.

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Vote Was Taken As Follows: 1/13/2025
Morton: Yea Browne: Abstain
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
SETTLEMENT CLAIM FILED BY NOEL SANTANA

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021, Noel Santana filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") for \$100,000, alleging personal injury in a motor vehicle accident between the plaintiff and another vehicle at the intersection of East Prospect Avenue and Dell Avenue police vehicle on July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022, a federal lawsuit was filed against the City of Mount Vernon on behalf of NOEL SANTANA; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel, by letter dated December 20, 2024, recommends that the Board of Estimate & Contract approve this settlement in the total amount of \$22,500; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid claim of NOEL SANTANA be settled for the sum of \$22,500.00 and that said settlement be and the same hereby is approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, the payment shall be allocated from Budget Code A1930.494 (Judgments & Settlements), 2025 Budget.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
SETTLEMENT CLAIM FILED BY SHIMEKA PUNTER**

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, SHIMEKA PUNTER filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") for \$125,000, alleging a motor vehicle accident while riding on a Westchester County Bee Line bus on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon has reached a settlement agreement in the total amount of \$12,500; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel, by letter dated January 8, 2025, recommends that the Board of Estimate & Contract approve this settlement in the total amount of \$12,500;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Estimate & Contract of the City of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes and directs the disbursement of settlement funds as follows:

- \$12,500 from the City; and
- \$12,500 from co-defendants Broa/Bee Line Bus System; and that said settlement is hereby approved.

2. **RESOLVED**, that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to effectuate payment of \$12,500 from the City's account, as provided in the settlement agreement to SHIMEKA PUNTER.

3. **RESOLVED**, that the payment shall be allocated from Budget Code A1930.494 (Judgments & Settlements), 2025 Budget.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
SETTLEMENT CLAIM FILED BY ROMIE LAWRENCE

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2022, Romie Lawrence filed a Notice of Claim against the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") for \$5,000,000, alleging personal injury in a motor vehicle accident between the plaintiff and a police vehicle on September 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2023, a federal lawsuit was filed against the City of Mount Vernon on behalf of ROMIE LAWRENCE; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel, by letter dated January 10, 2025, recommends that the Board of Estimate & Contract approve this settlement in the total amount of \$18,000; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid claim of ROMIE LAWRENCE be settled for the sum of \$18,000.00 and that said settlement be and the same hereby is approved; and
be it further

RESOLVED, the payment shall be allocated from Budget Code A1930.494 (Judgments & Settlements), 2025 Budget.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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