

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

NICOLE BONILLA, M.B.A.
City Clerk

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 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, City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Browne 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

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

1. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Advertisement Bids for the Resurfacing of Various Streets in the City of Mount Vernon, New York: 2025-2026

Code: LPW

2. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Partners in Safety for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services for the Department of Public Works to Comply with U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations

Code: LPW

3. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Three (3) Trees from Neighbors That Care, Inc. for Planting on South Columbus Avenue Near the Graham School Parking Lot

Code: LPW

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4. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing and Supporting the "HIV-Aids Awareness Walk - Breaking Stigmas One Step at a Time" to be Held on Saturday, June 21, 2025

Code: LPW

5. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to Co-Sponsor the Annual Juneteenth Walk and Celebration and Interfaith Health Fair in Partnership with the Yusuf Shah Islamic Center and to Appropriate Funds for the Event - (Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Code: LPW

6. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor 'City Fest 2025' in Partnership with Friends of Mount Vernon, Recreation and Youth Programs, Inc., and for Related Purposes - (Saturday, September 13, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

Code: LPW

7. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Retroactively Authorizing Attendance at the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting

Code: LPW

8. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the Salary of the Senior Account Clerk Position in the Board of Water Supply

Code: LPW

To the Council:

HUMAN RESOURCES

9. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Sponsor the Annual Summer Breeze Concert Series and Accept Monetary Donations to Support said Series

Code: HR

To the Council:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

10. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Twelve (12) Parking Spaces from the Montefiore Health System for the Use of the Mount Vernon Police Department

Code: PSC

11. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment from FARO Technologies for the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Department of Public Safety and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements

Code: PSC

12. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Two (2) Members of Service from the Department of Public Safety to Attend the Avigilon Unity Training in Somerville, Massachusetts - (May 13, 2025, to May 15, 2025)

Code: PSC

To the Council:

FINANCE AND PLANNING

13. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of the Installment Plan Standard Terms and Conditions for Delinquent Tax Payment Agreements

Code: FP

14. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Payment Plan Agreement with the New York State Department of Civil Service for Outstanding Health Insurance Premium Arrears

Code: FP

15. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Comptroller to Enter into a Partnership with Aflac to Offer Voluntary Supplementary Dental Benefits to Employees through Payroll Deduction

Code: FP

ADD-ON

HUMAN RESOURCES

16. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) to Utilize City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, to Host the Youth Mental Wellness Fest "Vibe Check" through the Ready4Life Program

Code: HR

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

17. City Clerk: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon to Appoint Nia Howard Fenton to the Tree Advisory Board Pursuant to Chapter 252, Section 252-17 of the Code (April 23, 2025 to April 22, 2028)

Code: LPW

HUMAN RESOURCES

18. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Honoring Catherine Coleman Flowers for Her Extraordinary Work

Code: HR

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

19. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Designating Itself as Lead Agency for Proposed Zoning Amendments Regarding Indoor Amusement Uses in the CB, LI-7.5, and I Zoning Districts, Referring the Amendments to the City Corporation Counsel, City Planning Board, and Westchester County Planning Board, and Scheduling a Public Hearing - (May 14, 2025)

Code: PSC

20. City Council: A Resolution for Home Rule Request in Support of State Senate Bill No. S7322 and Assembly Bill No. 7348 - (Transfer Tax Increase on Deeds)

Code: FP

FINANCE AND PLANNING

21. City Council: A Resolution for Home Rule Request in Support of State Senate Bill No. S7321 and Assembly Bill No. 7341 - (Hotel Occupancy Tax)

Code: FP

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS