

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

4:00 PM

MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 1st FLOOR

Board of Estimate & Contract

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

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

Roll Call: Roll Call and reading of agenda items administered by Deputy City Clerk Jordan Riullano. Noticed in the Journal News.

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

ABSENT None

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

OPENING OF BID FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION (C&D) DEBRIS – 33 CANAL STREET TRASH YARD

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ORDINANCES

1. [TMP-1914](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 140_6 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

2. [TMP-1917](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 140_24 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

3. [TMP-1918](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 191_3 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

4. [TMP-1919](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 227_38 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

5. [TMP-1920](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 227_55 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

6. [TMP](#)
[-1921](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 226_56 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

7. [TMP](#)
[-1926](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Rescind ltr 328 South 1st Avenue. 2nd 2026](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Comptroller Morton: This is coming back because as we try to perfect the system with communication and make sure things are done right, we noticed some things needed to be corrected so we needed to rescind what was previously awarded to and give it to the proper party based on the established rules that have been laid out previously.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

8. [TMP](#)
[-1925](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Recommendation ltr 328 South 1st Avenue.2nd 2026](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

9. [TMP-1929](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Budget Schedule Local Law](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

10. [TMP-1910](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [City Council Referral Letter - Ms. Lomari Payne - Assistant Commissioner - Revised - February 5, 2026 ASSISTANTCOMMISSIONEROFPUBLICWORKSJOBSP](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Comptroller Morton: So this is a consolidation of duties, for greater efficiency?

Mayor Patterson - Howard: Yes, greater efficiency and greater responsibility. We have someone who handles much more than the traditional job plus financial management , financial reports and grants. We have someone who has a master's in business administration as well as a master's and certification degree in emergency management. So, this will save money in salary as well as money in benefits and retirement.

Comptroller Morton: And who is going to pick up the clerical work, because this person will not be able to do that. What is the mechanism for the front-facing work in the department.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: There are still people in the office to help with that. And you still have the principal clerk there as well. The function of that old position is just played out.

Comptroller Morton: In addition, the dollar amount should be done away with because it leaves room for the person to come back to that position. IT should be zeroed out. So, my next question is what grade and what step level is this person at because there is a certain salary attached to promotions.

Deputy Comptroller Hamilton: 11A Step 4

Comptroller Morton: Abstain - I haven't had a chance to speak with Civil Service about the matter and get a better understanding of this.

approved

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, and Council President Thompson

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Comptroller Morton

11. [TMP-1941](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [City Council Referral Letter - Mr. Jawwad Abdul-Halim - Code Enforcement Coordinator - Revised - February 5 2026](#)
[CODEENFORCEMENTCOORDINATORJOBSPEC2026](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION SEEKING APPROVAL IN UNDER THE AUSTERITY BUDGET

12. [TMP-1957](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: This is the annual compliance conference that must be attended by all code enforcement officers. This is a 2 day required training in order to keep their code inspector's certification. It is also a recommendation from the state to upkeep their certifications. It is also coming out of the austerity budget.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

RETAINER

13. [TMP](#)
[-1952](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO RETAIN ARCINA RISK GROUP TO PERFORM INSURANCE ARCHAEOLOGY AND CLAIMS ADVOCACY SERVICES](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

TAX REVIEW SETTLEMENTS

14. [TMP](#)
[-1922](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Tax Settlement for Fulton Miller LLC, 705 Fulton Av S.](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

15. [TMP](#)
[-1924](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Tax Settlement for Fulton Miller LLC, 108 Miller Place](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

16. [TMP](#)
[-1954](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Tax Settlement for Grand Gardens Apartment Corp. , 61 Grand Street - \\$92,268.29](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

17. [TMP](#)
[-1955](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Tax Settlement for 12-14 Mount Vernon LLC, 12-14 South Fourth Avenue - \\$6,041.36](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

18. [TMP](#)
[-1959](#)

Attachments: [Amended Resolutionfor Tax Settlement for AMC Realty Group Inc.](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved the Consent Agenda

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

SALARY RESOLUTIONS

19. [TMP](#)
[-1947](#)

Attachments: [SALARY RESOLUTION NO. 1 - MINIMUM-MAXIMUM FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF OF INFRASTRUCTURE - \(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS\)](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

20. [TMP](#)
[-1948](#)

Attachments: [SALARY RESOLUTION NO. 4 - ALL POSITIONS FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR - \(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS\)](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

21. [TMP](#)
[-1949](#)

Attachments: [SALARY RESOLUTION NO. 9 \(ALL POSITIONS\) - MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR \(1\) AND TREE TRIMMER \(1\) - POLICE \(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS\)](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

22. [TMP](#)
[-1950](#)

Attachments: [SALARY RESOLUTION NO. 14 \(ALL POSITIONS - SECRETARY - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - \(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS\)](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved the Consent Agenda

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

ADD-ON (ON THE FLOOR AT BOE)

23. [TMP-1904](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [City Council Referral Letter - Kenneth McBryde - Tree Trimmer Legislation Rescind](#)
[City Council Referral Letter - Mr. Kenneth McBryde - Tree Trimmer - Revised - February 5 2026](#)

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Agenda was concluded at 5:10 PM

Chairwoman Patterson-Howard asked if there was new business:

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved: Council President Thompson, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM
Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk