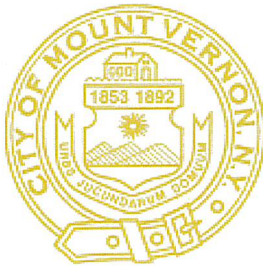


# **City of Mount Vernon, New York**

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## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

**City Council**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 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**

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 Deputy City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

**To the Council:**

**LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Staff to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C.  
  
**Code:** LPW
2. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease Agreement for Office Space at 6 Gramatan Avenue, Suite 203, Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
  
**Code:** LPW
3. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Establishing a List of Qualified Environmental/Sustainability Consultants  
  
**Code:** LPW
4. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing The Board of Eater Supply to Add a Position Entitled "Water Resource Specialist".  
  
**Code:** LPW

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- Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing the Board of Water Supply to Add Position Entitled "Water Quality Analyst".

Code: LPW

To the Council:

HUMAN RESOURCES

6.
- Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Ready 4Life to Sponsor a College Tour.

Code: HR

To the Council:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

**HELD** Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Interaction Insight Corporation for the renewal of the Nice Inform V& Plan for the Police Department

Code: PSC

8.
- Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No.14, Adopted July 10, 2024, Entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Securewatch24 for the Purchase of 21 Tablet-Style Mobile Computers for the Department of Public Safety",

Code: PSC

To the Council:

FINANCE AND PLANNING

9.
- Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the US Department of Transportation to Receive a \$1M Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant

Code: FP

**HELD** 10. Industrial Development Agency (IDA): Resolution requesting New York State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey and Assembly Member James Gary Pretlow for introduction of Home Rule Legislation to amend Tax Law to authorize the collection of Hotel Occupancy Tax in the City of Mount Vernon

Code: FP

**HELD** 11. Law Department: An Ordinance to Authorize the Conveyance of 0 Vernon Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY, to Myrtle Jones and to Authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents

Code: FP

HELD

12. City Council: A Resolution Requesting New York State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey and Assembly Member James Gary Pretlow for Introduction of Home Rule Legislation to Increase Transfer Tax Fee

Code: FP

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**



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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
AND CHIEF OF STAFF TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL  
LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC) CONGRESSIONAL  
CITY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 7, 2025, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing Mayor, Shawyn Patterson-Howard, and Chief of Staff, Malcolm Clark, are hereby authorized to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 10th to March 12th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. from March 10th to March 12th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the conference will provide an opportunity for Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard and Chief of Staff Malcolm Clark to advocate for Mount Vernon's local priorities, meet with federal officials, and learn from policy experts, Administration officials, and other local leaders; and

WHEREAS, the cost of registration for the conference is not to exceed \$780.00 per person, and the total cost of the trip, including transportation, Amtrak, incidentals, and hotel, is not to exceed \$4,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the expenses for travel, hotel fees, and incidentals will be expensed from budget 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 Conference.** The Mayor, Shawyn Patterson-Howard, and Chief of Staff, Malcolm Clark, are hereby authorized to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 10th to March 12th, 2025.

**Section 2. Expense Limitation.** The cost of registration for the conference shall not exceed \$780.00 per person. The total cost of the trip, including transportation, Amtrak, incidentals, and hotel, shall not exceed \$4,000.00.

**Section 3. Budget Allocation.** The expenses for travel, hotel fees, and incidentals shall be expensed from budget A 1210.402 – Travel.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

JAN 23 2025

Date

By

Mayor

APPROVED

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Vote Taken As Follows: 1/22/2025

Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE  
AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 6 GRAMATAN  
AVENUE, SUITE 203, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550**

**Whereas**, by letter dated December 23, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement for office space at 6 Gramatan Avenue, Suite 203, Mount Vernon, NY 10550, for a term commencing on June 1, 2025, and concluding on May 31, 2027, under the terms outlined below; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Public Works ("DPW") and the Board of Water Supply ("BOW") are tasked with completing the City's Sewer Rehabilitation and Lead Service Line Replacement projects; and

**Whereas**, the DPW and BOW require office space to accommodate the personnel and equipment necessary to manage these projects efficiently; and

**Whereas**, the current space at 6 Gramatan Avenue, Suite 203, Mount Vernon, NY 10550, has been identified as suitable for housing 5-10 personnel, with the lease terms spanning from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2027; and

**Whereas**, the funding for this lease will be sourced from grant-funded monies provided by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("NYSEFC"), ensuring no additional burden on local taxpayers; and

**Whereas**, the funds will be deposited into Revenue Code A3902 and appropriated to DPW Budget Code A1440.405, with an aggregate funding amount of \$500,000 available for the lease period; and

**Whereas**, the lease terms include an annual base rent of \$57,288.60 in Year 1 and \$59,007.26 in Year 2, with monthly installments payable at the lessee's discretion; and

**Whereas**, this office space will facilitate the work of essential project personnel, including the City Engineer, Stormwater Coordinator, Sewers Foreman, BOW Administrator, BOW Field Coordinator, and BOW Data Entry Clerk; **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 lease agreement for office space at 6 Gramatan Avenue, Suite 203, Mount Vernon, NY 10550, for a term commencing on June 1, 2025, and concluding on May 31, 2027, under the terms outlined below:

1. **Lease Year 1:** Base Rent of \$57,288.60, payable in monthly installments of \$4,774.05.
2. **Lease Year 2:** Base Rent of \$59,007.26, payable in monthly installments of \$4,917.27.
3. Utility and maintenance are to be included as stipulated in the lease agreement.

**Section 2. Funding.** Lease payments shall be funded through grant monies from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, with funds deposited into Revenue Code A3902 and appropriated to DPW Budget Code A1440.405 for the lease period. Payments shall be made monthly or quarterly at the lessee's discretion.



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**Section 3. Use of Space.** The leased space shall be used exclusively to support the personnel and operations associated with the City's Sewer Rehabilitation and Lead Service Line Replacement projects. The following personnel shall initially be stationed at the location, with additional personnel added as project needs evolve:

1. City Engineer
2. Stormwater Coordinator
3. Sewers Foreman
4. BOW Administrator
5. BOW Field Coordinator
6. BOW Data Entry Clerk

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/22/2025

Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

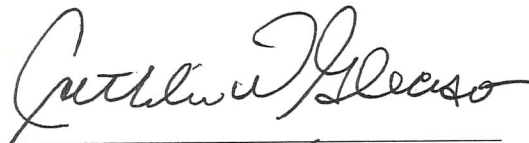
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Deputy

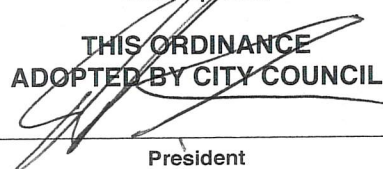
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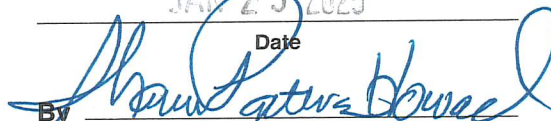


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Date



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Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A LIST OF QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY  
CONSULTANTS.

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 6, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works is seeking City Council approval to establish a list of qualified Environmental /Sustainability consultants; and

WHEREAS, this initiative follows the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) advertised on August 1, 2024, aimed at pre-qualifying consultants with the necessary expertise for sustainability projects; and

WHEREAS, three submissions were reviewed, and two consultants were selected: Green Westchester and Kim Lundgren Associates Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the list supports the City's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and will expedite future projects initiation and completion. The request is made by the Director of Sustainability and supported by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to establish a list of qualified Environmental /Sustainability consultants.** The City Council hereby authorizes the establishment of qualified Environmental/Sustainability Consultants.

**Section 2. Establishing List of Qualified Environmental/Sustainability Consultants.**

- a) RFQ advertised on August 1, 2024, to identify and pre-qualify consultants.
- b) Three submissions reviewed based on local needs, technical competence, experience, project approach, and green credentials.
- c) Selected consultants:
  - o Green Westchester - 26 Glencar Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801
  - o Kim Lundgren Associates, Inc.-10 Post Office Square, 8<sup>th</sup> fl., Boston, MA 02109
- d) The list promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- e) Expedites consultant selection process for future projects.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

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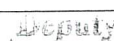
  
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THIS ORDINANCE  
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President

ATTEST:

 City Clerk

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Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY TO  
ADD A POSITION ENTITLED  
“WATER RESOURCE SPECIALIST”.

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 14, 2025, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply is requesting the addition of a “Water Resource Specialist” position to support the Lead Service Line Replacement Program; and

WHEREAS, this position has an annual salary of \$70,800.90, Grade 8C-Step 4 and will be funded by a \$2 million grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) effective January 1, 2025; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to add a position.** The Board of Water Supply is hereby authorized to add a position within said department under the terms outlined below:

- a) The Board of Water Supply is seeking to add a “Water Resource Specialist” position.
- b) The position is necessary for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program.
- c) The program is funded by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC).

**Section 2. Funding and Salary**

- a) The annual salary for the position is \$70,800.90.
- b) The position is classified as Grade 8C-Step 4.
- c) Funding comes from a \$2 million grant from NYS EFC.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

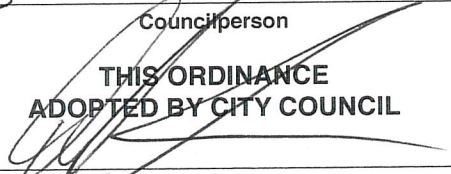
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Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea  
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
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President


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City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY TO ADD  
A POSITION ENTITLED "WATER QUALITY ANALYST".**

**WHEREAS**, by letter date January 14, 2025, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply has requested the addition of a "Water Quality Analyst" position to the 2025 office budget effective January 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, this role is crucial for complying with the New York State Department of Health's mandate to implement a Backflow Prevention Program, ensuring public health safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Water Quality Analyst" position will manage administrative functions, enhance water quality management, and ensure regulatory compliance. The position has an annual salary of \$70,800.90, Grade 8C-Step 4 with funds already included in the Board of Water Supply's 2025 budget; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to add a position.** The Board of Water Supply is hereby authorized to add a position within said department under the terms outlined below:

- a) The Board of Water Supply requests to add a "Water Quality Analyst" position.
- b) This position is essential for complying with NYS DOH mandates.
- c) The role will oversee the Backflow Prevention Program and address water quality concerns.

**Section 2. Responsibilities and Benefits.**

- a) The "Water Quality Analyst" position will manage administrative functions of the Backflow Prevention Program.
- b) The position will enhance operational efficiency and public confidence in water quality management.
- c) The role includes conducting system audits, reviewing standards, and identifying best practices.
- d) The "Water Quality Analyst" position will monitor compliance with state and federal regulations and recommend risk mitigation strategies.

**Section 3. Financial Details.**

- a) The annual salary for the position is \$70,800.90, Grade 8C-Step 4.
- b) The necessary funds are included in the 2025 budget under code 001-521-521002.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

President

**ATTEST:**

Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED**

Date

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Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE  
MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU'S READY 4LIFE TO  
SPONSOR A COLLEGE TOUR**

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated January 15, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested that legislation be enacted granting permission to the Youth Bureau's Ready4LIFE to sponsor a HBCU College Campus Tour for 27 youth and eight (8) staff members from February 18-21, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ready4LIFE (R4L) HBCU College Tours plays a vital role in the college selection process for program participants. Its primary goal is to expose aspiring college students to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), fostering increased interest in higher education and providing them with valuable insight into campus life and academic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative supports the Youth Bureau's commitment to promoting academic achievement and enhancing opportunities for higher education among participants of the Ready4LIFE program; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Purpose:** Requesting authorization for eight (8) staff members and twenty-seven (27) youth to attend the City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Ready4LIFE HBCU College Tour from February 18 to February 21, 2025.

**Section 2. Costs:** The total estimated cost of the four-day trip and three (3) nights is **not to exceed \$25,000**, including:

- College Tour: 4 days & 3 nights: \$9,261.00
- Lunch & Dinner for 34 attendees: \$7,700.00
- Transportation: \$7,000.00
- Parking Fees: \$120.00
- Rental Fees: \$400.00

Funds are available under the following Ready4LIFE Budget Codes:

- **A7335.458 (Miscellaneous)**
- **A7335.402 (Travel)**

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

**THIS ORDINANCE  
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President

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH  
INTERACTION INSIGHT CORPORATION FOR  
THE RENEWAL OF THE NICE INFORM V7  
PLAN FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Whereas, by letter dated January 7, 2025, the Interim Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing Mayor to execute an agreement with Interaction Insight Corporation to renew the NICE Inform V7 Plan for the period beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, at a total cost of \$7,604.00; and

Whereas, on January 24, 2024, the City Council of Mount Vernon approved a consent agreement with Interaction Insight Corporation for the NICE Inform V7 Plan, and on January 30, 2024, the Board of Estimate and Contract approved said agreement; and

Whereas, the NICE Inform V7 Plan enables the recall of all inbound and outbound telephone conversations within the Police Department to ensure operational efficiency and compliance; and

Whereas, the agreement includes essential remote and onsite support services that are critical to maintaining the functionality and reliability of the NICE Voice Recording System; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to continue this agreement to maintain the operational integrity of the Police Department's communications systems; and

Whereas, the cost of the annual renewal for the period from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, is \$7,604.00, and said cost will be satisfied from Budget Line A1680.216; and

Whereas, the renewal of this agreement is necessary to ensure uninterrupted service and support for the Police Department; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Interaction Insight Corporation to renew the NICE Inform V7 Plan for the period beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, at a total cost of \$7,604.00.

**Section 2.** The funds for this agreement shall be appropriated from Budget Line A1680.216.

**Section 3.** The agreement shall provide for remote and onsite support services as outlined in the terms of the agreement with Interaction Insight Corporation.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
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President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE  
NO. 14, ADOPTED JULY 10, 2024, ENTITLED  
“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH  
SECUREWATCH24 FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
21 TABLET-STYLE MOBILE COMPUTERS  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY”**

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

**Section 1. The sixth decretal paragraph, Section 2:6 and Section 4 of Ordinance No. 14, adopted July 10, 2024, entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SECUREWATCH24 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 21 TABLET-STYLE MOBILE COMPUTERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY”**

**Whereas**, by letter dated June 19, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with SecureWatch24 for the purchase of 21 tablet-style mobile computers for the Department of Public Safety to enhance operational efficiency and provide officers with critical technology in their vehicles; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Public Safety has equipped its fleet of marked Police vehicles, purchased in 2022, with mounts needed to place mobile computers within the cars; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Public Safety needs to purchase 21 tablet-style mobile computers to be placed within these mounts to enable officers to complete more paperwork while within their vehicles, thereby enhancing operational efficiency and reducing the need to return to Police Headquarters; and

**Whereas**, the mobile computers will allow officers to access the Department’s Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management Systems (RMS), both current and anticipated new systems, and will also enable access to body-worn camera and in-car video footage on evidence.com while on the street; and

**Whereas**, SecureWatch24 is an approved vendor by the New York State Office of General Services (NYS OGS) to provide tablet-style mobile computers, available under NYS OGS Contract PC 69031; and

**Whereas**, the total cost for the 21 mobile computers, including a 3-year warranty, will be \$147,039.00, which will be a one-time purchase satisfied from Budget Line A3120.416 [A3120.203ARP SDI-001 3.16]; and **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Purpose.** This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with SecureWatch24 to purchase 21 tablet-style mobile computers for the Department of Public Safety, which will enhance operational efficiency and provide officers with critical technology in their vehicles.

**Section 2. Definitions.** For this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

1. **“SecureWatch24”**: The vendor approved by the New York State Office of General Services to provide tablet-style mobile computers.

2. **“Mobile Computers”**: Tablet-style computers designed for use by the Department of Public Safety in vehicles.

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3. **"CAD"**: Computer Aided Dispatch.

4. **"RMS"**: Records Management Systems.

5. **"Department of Public Safety"**: The department responsible for public safety in the City of Mount Vernon.

6. **"Budget Line A3120.416 [A3120.203ARP SDI-001 3."6"]**: The budget line allocated for this purchase.

**Section 3. Authorization.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with SecureWatch24 for the purchase of 21 tablet-style mobile computers for the Department of Public Safety at a total cost of \$147,039.00.

**Section 4. Funding.** The total cost of \$147,039.00 for the 21 mobile computers shall be satisfied from Budget Line A3120.416 [A3120.203ARP SDI-001 3.16], 2024 Budget.

**Section 5. Procurement.** The mobile computers will be purchased through SecureWatch24 under the New York State Office of General Services Contract PC 69031.

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

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INNOVATIVE FINANCE & ASSET CONCESSION GRANT PROGRAM.

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated January 15, 2025, the Comptroller has requested legislation authorizing permission for the Mayor to enter into agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the \$1M Innovative Finance & Asset Concession Grant Program grant. The budget period for the grant award is thirty-six (36) months, commencing on February 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, this Cooperative Agreement funds and sets out the terms and conditions (Provisions) governing a collaborative effort between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the City of Mount Vernon (Recipient) for project, *"Targeting Mount Vernon's Transit-Oriented Assets"*; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a cost reimbursement Cooperative Agreement. The responsibility for conducting activities under this Agreement lies primarily with the organization named in this Agreement (Recipient). DOT, through its designated representatives, shall consult and coordinate in the conduct of the activities performed during the period of this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum value of cooperative agreements is \$2 million. Cooperative agreements of up to \$1 million are offered at 100 percent federal share (no required non-federal match). Amounts in excess of \$1 million are offered at 50 percent federal share (50 percent required non-federal match). For example, a cooperative agreement of \$2 million in federal aid would be matched by \$1 million of non-federal funds, supporting a \$3 million effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been identified as a recipient of these funds, which will support infrastructure and transportation-related improvements to enhance the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the acceptance of this grant and execution of an agreement with USDOT is in the best interest of the City and its residents and by signing the signature page, the Recipient accepts the terms and conditions as stated; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

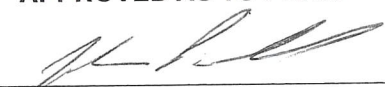
**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the \$1M Innovative Finance & Asset Concession Grant Program grant.

**Section 2. Acceptance.** That all grant funds received under this agreement shall be utilized strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**Section 3. Cost Sharing or Matching Funds.** The maximum value of cooperative agreements is \$2 million. Cooperative agreements of up to \$1 million are offered at 100 percent federal share (no required non-federal match). Amounts in excess of \$1 million are offered at 50 percent federal share (50 percent required non-federal match). For example, a cooperative agreement of \$2 million federal aid would be matched by \$1 million of non-federal funds, supporting a \$3 million effort.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

  
Councilperson

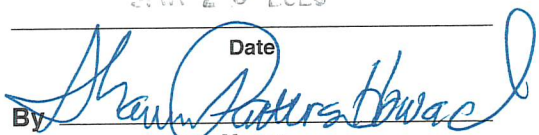
  
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Deputy City Clerk

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Date  
  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 1/22/2025  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea  
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted



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**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE  
SENATOR JAMAAL T. BAILEY AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
JAMES GARY PRETLOW FOR INTRODUCTION OF HOME RULE  
LEGISLATION TO AMEND TAX LAW TO AUTHORIZE  
THE COLLECTION OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX IN  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1202 of the New York State Tax Law allows municipalities to adopt and amend local laws imposing a tax upon persons occupying hotel or motel rooms, bed and breakfast, and other tourist rental stay facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is prepared and budgeted to implement this occupancy tax and seeks the support of the City's elected representatives in the New York State Senate and Assembly after discussion and acknowledgement by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the introduction of legislation the City of Mount Vernon will take further action to submit a home rule request pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution in support of legislation to authorize the City to implement a hotel and motel tax rate of up to five and eight seven five percent (5.875%) of the per-diem rental rate for each room; **NOW, THEREFORE, be it**

**RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, duly convened in regular session does hereby:

**RESOLVE**, that the City of Mount Vernon City finds that the implementation of a hotel and motel tax rate would benefit the City by providing additional revenues for use within the City of Mount Vernon, *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby requests that New York State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey and Assembly Member James Gary Pretlow, as elected representatives of the City of Mount Vernon, introduce legislation to authorize the City to adopt a local law giving the authority to implement the hotel and motel tax rate at a rate of up to five and eight seven five percent (5.875%) of the per-diem rental rate for each room; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council requests the bill be drafted to include additional language clarifying that for the purposes of this particular section of law, definition of the terms "hotel" or "motel" are to mean and include any facility providing on an overnight basis and shall include those facilities designated and commonly known as "bed and breakfast" and "tourist" facilities; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council requests the bill include additional language for the purpose as to enable authorized local law(s) enacted by the City to provide that any tax imposed shall be paid by the person liable therefor to the owner of the hotel or motel room occupied or to the person entitled to be paid the rent or charge for the hotel or motel room occupied for and on account of the City of Mount Vernon imposing the tax and that such owner or person entitled to be paid the rent or charge shall be liable for the collection and payment of the tax; *and be it further*

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**RESOLVED**, that the City Council requests the bill include additional language relating to the deposit of revenues resulting from the imposition of the tax be added with the purpose as to authorize the City to retain the necessary revenue to defer the expense of the City in administering such tax and the balance of such revenues shall be allocated to use within the City of Mount Vernon as so determined by the City of Mount Vernon City Council; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to New York State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey and Assembly Member James Gary Pretlow.


APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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Councilperson  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

 Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

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Date

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE  
CONVEYANCE OF 0 VERNON AVENUE,  
MOUNT VERNON, NY, TO MYRTLE JONES  
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO  
EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

**Whereas**, by letter dated January 10, 2025, the Corporation Counsel has requested legislation authorizing the conveyance of the vacant lot located at 0 Vernon Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY (Block 4047, Lot 12), to Myrtle Jones, the owner of the adjoining property at 286 McClellan Avenue; and

**Whereas**, Myrtle Jones purchased property at 286 McClellan Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY, in 2012, which shares the same Block and Lot number (Block 4047, Lot 12) with an adjoining vacant lot located at 0 Vernon Avenue; and

**Whereas**, due to an error by Ms. Jones's title company, Partners Abstract Corp., the back taxes for 286 McClellan Avenue were paid in 2014, but the taxes for the adjoining vacant lot were inadvertently omitted; and

**Whereas**, this error resulted in the City of Mount Vernon retaining title to the vacant lot at 0 Vernon Avenue despite the delinquent taxes being later paid in full by the title company; and

**Whereas**, the Real Estate Committee, at its September 29, 2023, meeting, reviewed this matter and recommended the transfer of 0 Vernon Avenue to Myrtle Jones to rectify the longstanding error; and

**Whereas**, this conveyance is not a real estate sale but rather a deed transfer to address the administrative oversight and return the vacant lot to its rightful owner; and

**Whereas**, it is in the interest of justice and fairness for the City of Mount Vernon to complete this transfer without further delay; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to Convey.** The City Council authorizes the conveyance of the vacant lot located at 0 Vernon Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY (Block 4047, Lot 12), to Myrtle Jones, the owner of the adjoining property at 286 McClellan Avenue.

**Section 2. Execution of Documents.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents, including but not limited to a deed of conveyance and any closing documents, to effectuate the transfer of the subject property to Myrtle Jones.

**Section 3. No Consideration.** This transfer is made at no additional cost to Myrtle Jones, as it is intended to correct an administrative oversight and not as a sale of real property.



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**Section 4. Severability.** Suppose any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid. In that case, such a judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. Still, it shall be confined to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM


  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

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President

**ATTEST:**

 City Clerk

**APPROVED**

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Date

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**APPROVED**

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE SENATOR  
JAMAAL T. BAILEY AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER JAMES GARY PRETLOW  
FOR INTRODUCTION OF HOME RULE LEGISLATION TO  
INCREASE TRANSFER TAX FEE**

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated January 13, 2025, City Councilman Javon Boxhill requested a resolution requesting New York State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey and Assembly Member James Gary Pretlow introduce a state bill authorizing an amendment to Local Law 2023-4 to increase Transfer Tax Fee; and

**WHEREAS**, a letter dated November 16, 2023 from Comptroller Morton requesting a Home Rule to amend Article VII, Section 234-45 of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon entitled Real Estate Tax, 234-45; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2023, the City Council adopted Law 2023-4 to increase the Transfer Tax Fee. This fee is regulated by state law specific to the City of Mount Vernon, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby requests that New York State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey and Assembly Member James Gary Pretlow as elected representatives of the City of Mount Vernon to introduce a Home Rule to increase the Transfer Tax Fee; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Senator Jamaal Bailey and Assemblyman James Gary Pretlow.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**


  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

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President

**ATTEST:**

 Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED**

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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