

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

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

### **City Council**

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA  
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD  
Deputy City Clerk*

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**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**

Led by Deputy City Clerk Bonilla

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**

1. Terry Anne Lee, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: A proposed plan to move the noise abatement 7:04 pm  
CM Boxhill - we'll research about moving the time in the ordinance.  
CM Gleason - will look into it  
CM Thompson- I encourage the public to let us know what is happening in the city  
CM Poteat- we do have a time set on the books. There needs to be better monitoring and enforcement of the law. We'll speak to PD about the law on the books.  
CP Browne- it is an enforcement issue. Poteat will follow up with PD on enforcement.
2. Jessica Saul, Bronx, NY No Show 7:07 pm & 7:15 pm
3. Gabriel Thompson, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Low-income housing, speed limits, embarrassing work by the council and law department 7:07 pm  
CM Boxhill- there is room for improvement  
CM Gleason- I have contacted DPW. Just because a group comes to speak does not mean a project gets approved. I will get an update on the speed limit. I believe we all work very hard on the council; I showed up when other people did not.  
CM Thompson- It is not ok to be called names and belittled, and the language used towards us is not acceptable, and you can speak respectfully. I will no longer tolerate people who speak to the council disrespectfully and speak down to us.  
CM Poteat- we are public servants, so thank you for your criticisms, and I am proud of the work we have done since I've been here for the past three years. The comp plan is the best way to get heard because the council is not here to stay but that way the public can have input.  
CP Browne- we brought DPW to present and we asked about the consultant and engineer to certify as per state law. There is no staff available to certify. We can continue to call them and ask them the same questions.
4. Geoff Munroe, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Columbus Avenue (7:11 pm no show) 7:15pm  
CM Boxhill- there is room for improvement  
CM Gleason- looking for more people to join Cable, we're accepting resumes  
CM Poteat- there were a lot of voices for and against Columbus Day. As a city we have a referendum and let the people decide and not the decision be made by the council.  
CP Browne - Columbus ave is a state road, we can change the holiday, but not the avenue



**Moved:** Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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3. [TMP-1151](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Referral.pdf](#)

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4. [TMP-1160](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [01142025 Referral Letter - LSL-Water-Resource](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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5. [TMP-1161](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [01142025 Referral Letter - BWS-Water-Qualit](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**To the Council:**

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

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6. [TMP-1165](#)

**Code:** HR

**Attachments:** [R4L HBCU College Tour 2025.pdf](#)  
[READY4Life 2025 HBCU College Tour Itiner](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**To the Council:**

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

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7. [TMP-1139](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Interaction Insight Referral.pdf](#)

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8. [TMP-1158](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Securewatch amendment.pdf](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**To the Council:**

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

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9. [TMP-1166](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [COMP2025 - 1 Inovative Finance Asset Conce Agreement .pdf](#)

**Moved:** Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

**On the question:** Council Presiden Browne: Is the contract okay?

**Response:** Associate Corporation Counsel Powell: Yes it is.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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10. [TMP-1106](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Referral Letter Enact Hotel Occupancy Tax.pdf](#)  
[Hotel Occupancy Tax - December 2024.pdf](#)

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(Request for the City Council to approve the Conveyance of 0 Vernon Avenue, an adjoining vacant lot to 286 McClellan Avenue, to Myrtle Jones and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Deed and all Required Documents for the Transfer)

11. [TMP-1145](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [0 Vernon Avenue Referral Letter](#)

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12. [TMP-1157](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [TRANSFER TAX FEE INCREASE.pdf](#)  
[TransferTax.pdf](#)

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**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

Motion to adjourn

**Moved:** Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

approved

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm  
Jordan Riullano, JD  
Deputy City Clerk