

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, March 26, 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, WEDNESDAY 26, 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: Edward Poteat, Acting President

OTHERS: Nicole Bonilla, City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Council President Edward Poteat 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”. Acting Council President Poteat explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. He then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting 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. Office of the Mayor: A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC as Special Counsel to Represent Participating Westchester Municipalities in Con Edison's Electric and Gas Rate Case Before the Public Service Commission

Code: LPW

2. Office of the Mayor: A Resolution Appointing Members to the Cable Television Advisory Committee - (Jahi Lafayette and George McClendon Jr.)

Code: LPW

3. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Establishing a Standardized Policy for Tree Planting in the Municipal Right-of-Way

Code: LPW

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4. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contractual Agreement with Bonanza Contracting LLC for Renovations to the Mount Vernon Police Department's A.W.A.R.E. Room Areas

Code: LPW

5. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Pest Management and Pest Control Services for Various Municipal Facilities

Code: LPW

6. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Signify North America Corporation to Upgrade the Current Street Lighting Management Software System from CityTouch to Interact City

Code: LPW

7. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the advertisement of Bids for a Year 2 - Sewer System Cleaning and Investigation (Outfall 15,30, 31, 43, 48, 53 and 34 Drainage Areas)

Code: LPW

8. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the Latin Cultural Festival with Miztili LLC, May 18, 2025 at Hartley Park.

Code: LPW

To the Council:

HUMAN RESOURCES

9. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Three-Year Agreement with Turf Tank for the Leasing and Utilization of Field-Marketing Equipment

Code: HR

To the Council:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

10. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into An Agreement with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (2024-2025) Grant

Code: PSC

11. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Software-as-a-Service Agreement with Simsi, Inc. for CAD and RMS Software for Three Years

Code: PSC

12. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Westchester, the City of Yonkers, and the City of New Rochelle for Participation in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and to Utilize JAG Funds for the Purchase and Installation of Motorola APX8500 Radios

Code: PSC

13. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Training Budget to the Equipment Budget for the Purchase of Guns and Ammunition for the Police Department

Code: PSC

14. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Allocation of Funds for the Full Circle Health Training and Counseling Workshop for Members of Service of the Police Department

Code: PSC

15. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Westchester County Department of Correction for Reimbursement of Prisoner Transportation Services for the Years 2023 and 2024

Code: PSC

To the Council:

FINANCE AND PLANNING

16. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3 adopted on December 11, 2024, to Authorize the Issuance of Serial Bonds of the City of Mount Vernon to Finance the Costs of Certain Equipment for the Department of Public Works

Code: FP

17. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance and Adoption of the 2019 Final Annual Audit Independent Audit Prepared by PKF O'Connor Davies

Code: FP

18. Office of the Mayor: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon Appointing Members to the Mount Vernon Economic Task Force - (Kyle Munoz, Dan Casterella, Robert Potack, Pamela Tarlow and Onolder Yizar)

Code: FP

19. City Council: An Ordinance Amending No. 19 adopted on December 27, 2023 - Economic Development Task Force

Code: FP

20. City Council: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 267 of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Entitled "Zoning"

Code: FP

21. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon Adopting a Findings Statement Pursuant to SEQRA for the Downtown Transit-Oriented Arts District (DTOAD)

Code: FP

ADD-ON

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

22. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon to Re-Appoint Leslie Alpert to the Board of Ethics - (for a two (2) year term from March 26, 2025 - March 25, 2027)

Code: LPW

FINANCE AND PLANNING

23. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Fixing the County and Special District Tax Rate, Levying Said Tax and Confirming the County and Special District Taxes for the Year 2025 and Ordering the Issuance of a Warrant Therefore

Code: FP

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS