

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

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, March 26, 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, 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**

Lead by Councilman Derrick Thompson

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**

1. Mayor Shawyn Patterson - Howard: Mount Vernon, NY

**Topic:** Federal Minority and/or Woman Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Changes

2. Donna Bell - Mount Vernon, NY

**Topic:** Residents rights on South Terrace Avenue

3. Barbara Ortiz Howard - Mount Vernon, NY

**Topic:** Zoning Change

4. Tricia Fraser - Mount Vernon, NY

**Topic:** Health fair in October 2025

5. Peter Tsachalis - Mount Vernon, NY

**Topic:** Non responsive government and taxation

6. Judy William Davis - Mount Vernon, NY

**Topic:** Grace House 229 South 7th Avenue

7. Lincoln Edwards - Mount Vernon, NY

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8. Geoff Monroe - Mount Vernon, NY

**Topic:** Public Access

Council Response: The council addressed the issues brought up by Mr. Monroe and commented on

changes in M/WBE. CM Poteat will reach out to Police Department and buildings department to resolve the issues with zoning and the house on 229 South 7th Avenue. CM Boxhill spoke speaker Peter Tsachalis on taxation.

**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

**PRESENT:** Pro Tempore Edward Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Derrick Thompson, Councilperson Jaevon Boxhill, and Councilperson Cathlin Gleason

**ABSENT:** President Danielle Browne Esq.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

Enter into Executive Session at 8:22 PM

go into Executive Session

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

Exit Executive Session at 8:35 PM

approved

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

**To the Council:**

The LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS Committee recommends for ADOPTION the following entitled legislation:

- 0 1. [TMP-1250](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [REFERRAL LETTER - Retaining Special Cou Rate Case 1](#)  
[J Dichter - Con Ed rate case](#)  
[Resolution - PSC Con Ed Special Counsel](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Mayor Patterson - Howard (zoom): spoke on the need to hire special counsel for the increases imposed by

Con-Edison and to join other municipalities to file a joint motion. The cost goes down as more municipalities join in.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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2. [TMP-1255](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Cable TV Advisory Appointment Letter - Jahi McClendon Jr -](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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3. [TMP-1247](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Policy for Tree Planting in the Municipal Right Standard for Tree Planting in the Municipal Ri](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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4. [TMP-1251](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Bonanza Contracting Letter](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Deputy Corporation Counsel Powell: spoke with Commissioner Bush on the procurement policy. There were quotes received.

Councilman Gleason: policy was explained to the Commissioner. We should add quotes to legislation adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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5. [TMP-1267](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Municipal Buildings- Pest Control](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Commissioner Bush: there was a bid, the lowest bidder was still too high. We plan on re bidding. We have the funding to do municipal buildings. adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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6. [TMP-1279](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Permission for Mayor to Enter into agreement](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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7. [TMP](#)  
[-1280](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Bid - Year 2- Sewer System Cleaning and Inve](#)  
[30, 31,43, 48,53 and 34 Drainage Areas\)](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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8. [TMP](#)  
[-1282](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Latin Cultrual Festival](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

**To the Council:**

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

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9. [TMP](#)  
[-1208](#)



**Attachments:** [SIMSI](#)  
[Sole or Single Source Exemption Request Form](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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12. [TMP](#)  
[-1262](#)

**Code:** PSC

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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13. [TMP](#)  
[-1263](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Request to Transfer Funds](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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14. [TMP  
-1281](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Full of Circle Health Referral Letter](#)

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15. [TMP  
-1284](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Prisoner Transportation Referral Letter](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Councilman Boxhill: abstain because issue contract on behalf of the County

Associate Corporation Counsel Powell: This needs to go for a second vote

**\*\*NEEDS SECOND VOTE\*\***

approved

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

**Abstain:** Councilperson Boxhill

**To the Council:**

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

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16. [TMP  
-1288](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Comp2025-03 - Bond Ordinance to Finance C](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Councilman Poteat: thanked Comptroller for his hard work. The rest of the audit will be done by the end of

year.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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17. [TMP-1289](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [COMP2025-02 - Acceptance of the 2019 Annu](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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18. [TMP-1256](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Appointments for Economic Development Tas](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Councilman Gleason: Great approach and working with administration, and we have great people appointed to this task force to move our economic development forward

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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19. [TMP-1285](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Amendment to Ordinance 19 adopted 12.27.23 EDTF Ordinance Membership Description AM](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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20. [TMP-1259](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK ZONING \(.3.6.25\)](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Councilman Poteat: this would amend the city to create the new DTOD. The zoning is consistent with the adoption January 2024. Site plan needs to be approve by planning board

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

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21. [TMP-1210](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [SEQRA Statement of Findings](#)

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



**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilman Gleason: Congrats to Mount Vernon Jr. knights, they won again.

Councilman Boxhill: Happy birthday to me, the big 40.

Motion to adjourn

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

approved

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** President Browne

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD  
Deputy City Clerk