

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th, 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, President Pro Tempore

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

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by Councilman Gleason

Edward Poteat, President Pro Tempore 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”. Edward Poteat, President Pro Tempore explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. He then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Pro Tempore then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Annette Shands - 462 South 9th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY Email: N/A 7:20 pm
“Land use proposal for 454 South 9th Avenue.”

Council Response:

CM Boxhill - requested to speak offline with the speaker

CP Browne - as acting mayor - does not comment

CM Thompson - will provide an update on the project

CM Gleason - there is an update regarding that project, Antoinette will follow up

2. Ray Copeland - 236 Bedford Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY Email: N/A *no show 7:23 pm*
“Follow up on complaints”

3. Toni Gamils - 95 Southfield Rd, Mount Vernon, NY Email: tgamils@aol.com 7:23 pm
“Concerns Regarding Traffic and Safety in our neighborhood (Southfield Road, Brookfield Road, Monterey Road, Eastfield Road)”

Council Response:

CM Boxhill - requested clarification on the parking and traffic situation.

CP Browne - as acting mayor - does not comment

CM Thompson - will follow up with the speaker to get more information.

CM Gleason - that address is the Mosque. will reach out to the Mosque to get them in touch with other departments where they can use their facilities for overflow cars.

Congressman George Latimer spoke during the meeting regarding updates from Washington and the drastic budget cuts to Medicaid. Double taxing implementation. change in voting laws if you make any change you have to prove your American citizenship.

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

PRESENT: President Danielle Browne Esq., Pro Tempore Edward Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Derrick Thompson, Councilperson Jaevon Boxhill, and Councilperson Cathlin Gleason

ABSENT: None

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / SWEARING IN

Jordan Riullano was sworn-in as Deputy City Clerk by Acting Mayor Danielle Browne, Esq. Former City Clerk George Brown spoke as Mr. Riullano was a Mount Vernon Youth Bureau intern in the Clerk's Office during his tenure.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**To the Council:**

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

1. **[TMP](#)**
[-1362](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter -Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. docx](#)
[MOU_Bloomberg](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

2. **[TMP](#)**
[-1413](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Willie Brown Car Show](#)
[DPW Willie Brown](#)
[FD Willie Brown](#)
[PD Willie Brown](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

3. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1397**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Purchase of Archive Social Services.pdf](#)
[social-media-advisory.pdf](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

4. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1395**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [City Owned Vehicles Disposed 2025- DPW](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

5. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1411**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Contract Amendment Request- Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1 Project](#)
[122022-2](#)
[3062025 - Arcadis Award Evaluation - Year 2 Sewer Cleaning and](#)
[Investigation](#)
[Contract](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: Acting Mayor Browne - questioned the dates in the contract and contingency plan if and when the funds run out.

Response: Deputy Corporation Council - explained the contract.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

6. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1412**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Phase- 2 SewerSystem Cleaning Investigation Project \(Contract 3062025\)](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

7. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1408**](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [living my best life health fair referral letter](#)
[LMBL-referral letter-PD RESPONSE](#)
[LMBL-referral letter-FD RESPONSE](#)
[DPW-Response LMB](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

8. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1398**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [LSLFC - Referral Letter](#)

****HELD ON THE FLOOR****

held

9. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1399**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [LSLA - Referral Letter](#)

****HELD ON THE FLOOR****

held

10. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1391**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral letter for NB to attend July training](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

11. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1392**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter Jordan Riullano Deputy City Clerk 2025](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

12. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1409**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [First Lady Inez Richardson](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

13. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1410**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Delt Nu Sigma Chpt Sigma Gamma Rho 5.2025](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

14. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1414**](#)

Code: LPW

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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

15. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1415**](#)

Code: LPW

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM 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:

16. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1396**](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [letter](#)
[Let Your Colors Shine Flyer 2025 \(Pride Event\)](#)

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

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

17. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1417**](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [2025 SRAEP Award Letter - Mount Vernon](#)
[SRAEP 2025 Referral Letter](#)

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

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:

18. **[TMP](#)**
[-1381](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [REID Training Referral Letter](#)
[REID Training Supporting Docs](#)

Moved: CM Poteat, **Seconded:** CM 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

19. **[TMP](#)**
[-1382](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [FBI Basic Police Sniper School Referral Letter](#)
[Sniper School Supporting Docs](#)

Moved: CM Poteat, **Seconded:** CM 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

20. **[TMP](#)**
[-1383](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Sgt. SUMMIT Referral Letter](#)
[Sgt. SUMMIT Supporting Docs](#)

Moved: CM Poteat, **Seconded:** CM 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

21. [TMP](#)
[-1419](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Less Lethal Instructor School Referral Letter](#)
[Less Lethal Training Supp Docs](#)

Moved: CM Poteat, **Seconded:** CM Thompson

On the question: none

Response: CM Poteat - informed the council on a email received regarding the overtime that will be needed for the staff to attend the training.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

22. [TMP](#)
[-1427](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [QWest Resolution \(Termination Agreement\)](#)
[Qwest - letter requesting Termination.docx \(5.21.25\)](#)
[QWest Termination Agreement](#)

Moved: CM Poteat, **Seconded:** CM Thompson

On the question: none

Response: CM Poteat - this does not get determined until they close. if they don't close it does not go into effect. This is how we enforce against developers.

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:

23. [TMP](#)
[-1376](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Amendment for Metro Green](#)

Moved: CM Boxhill, **Seconded:** CM Poteat

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Councilperson Gleason

24. [TMP](#)
[-1416](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [City Council PCD Referral Letter - LaBella Consulting Services P2501522 - Pondfield Parkway Environmental Studies 20250522](#)

Moved: CM Boxhill, **Seconded:** CM 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

25. [TMP](#)
[-1418](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [PCD ARUP Carbon Solutions Referral Letter 5.20.25 ARUP and City of Mount Vernon Information Letter of Commitment Template](#)

Moved: CM Boxhill, **Seconded:** CM 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

ADD-ON

To the Council:

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

26. **[TMP](#)**
[-1431](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [2025 Sickle Cell Symposium](#)

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

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:

27. **[TMP](#)**
[-1234](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Indoor Amusement Uses Referral](#)
[Ordinance - Indoor Amusement Facilities](#)
[Resolution - Adoption Neg Dec \(Indoor Amusement\)](#)

Moved: CM Poteat, **Seconded:** CM 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

28. [TMP](#)
[-1428](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [145 S Fulton Curb cut req](#)

Moved: CM Poteat, **Seconded:** CM 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:

29. [TMP](#)
[-1430](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Home_rule tax deeds](#)

Moved: CM Boxhill, **Seconded:** CM 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

ADD-ON ON THE FLOOR

To the Council:

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

30. [TMP](#)
[-1435](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Mandela School and Hartley Park on June 9 2025](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: CP Browne - was this worked out with recreation?

Response: CM Gleason - yes, all areas are covered.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

CM Thompson - Requested moment of silence in remembrance of the passing of a community member

CP Browne - Commend Jordan Riullano's family for staying for the whole meeting.

CM Gleason - Maryann Archer - second the council sentiments.

CM Poteat - Juneteenth event and the Chess event at the Doles Center.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

Moved: Councilmember Thompson, **Seconded:** Council President (Acting Mayor) Browne

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no other further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Nicole Bonilla, MBA
City Clerk