

# **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*

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**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 Gamil - 95 Southfield Rd, Mount Vernon, NY Email: [tgamils@aol.com](mailto: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.

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

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

**On the question:** none

**Response:** none

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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](#)

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**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.

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[\*\*-1415\*\*](#)

**Code:** LPW

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**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

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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

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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:

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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:

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

**Code:** LPW

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**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