

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

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, December 23, 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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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, City Clerk; Jordan A. Riullano, Deputy City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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. Cynthia Crenshaw, Mount Vernon, NY - No Show 7:08 pm
2. Dina Perriello, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Zoning 7:10 pm  
CM Gleason - Your situation is in litigation, I will not comment  
CM Poteat - This is in litigation, I will defer to Corporation Counsel  
CP Browne - addressed the speaks misconceptions and incorrect timeline of events. Confirmed to the speaker that they have never had dialogue in 2019 because that was before her time on Council. As stated before, your matter is in litigation and will defer to Corporation Counsel.
3. Brenda L. Crump, Mount Vernon, NY No Show 7:13 pm
4. Barbara Ortiz Howard, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Request of 2020 property tax interest be removed  
CM Boxhill - will reach out to the Comptroller's office  
CM Gleason - expressed that she is not aware of her situation and informed her about a tax amnesty coming up  
CM Poteat - informed speaker on tax amnesty coming up
5. Henry Wilson, Mount Vernon, NY 7:15 pm Topic: The potential use of one of the three closed Mount Vernon School District school buildings.  
CM Boxhill - agreed with the speaker that this is a good idea for unused school district property  
CM Gleason - agreed  
CP Browne - expressed that the YCOP project is amazing and a great use of the building spaces across the city for the youth
6. Geoff Munroe, Mount Vernon, NY 7:19 pm Topic: Drone Program  
CM Thompson - you have knowledge in your field and input is welcomed  
CM Poteat - this is a pilot program, I urge you to come back and discuss this with the Council after the pilot year.  
CP Browne - discussed th epoints that the speaker mentioned and did not agree with his sentiments. The use of the drone is not only for crime. It can assist with missing persons or emergency situations. The drone program has significant benefits and if we do not feel like it is working for the city, we can terminate the agreement thirty days before the end of the pilot program. There is no cost to the city.

**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

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

**ABSENT:** None

**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-1820](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [4th Street RFQ Referral Letter](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

() 2. [TMP-1821](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Night Time Commercial Pcik Up](#)

Council President Browne: is this residential only?

Assistant Corporation Counsel Powell: I don't know

Councilman Boxhill: This needs more discussion and more information

held

() 3. [TMP-1815](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Periodic Review of All Exempt Job Titles](#)

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

Boxhill

**On the question:** none.

**Response:**

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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4. [TMP  
-1824](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Referral Letter - Electronic Submission 12-23-  
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MOUNT VERNON, NY AUTHORIZING ELI  
DELIVERY OF A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:**

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**To the Council:**

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

No Items

**To the Council:**

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

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5. [TMP  
-1823](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [REFERRAL LETTER - EXTENTION OF BEI  
WILLIAMS](#)

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

Thompson

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Councilman Thompson: I hope he gets what he needs to retire

Councilman Gleason: addressed comments on social media and that it was brought to my attention and it was not adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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6. [TMP-1802](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [REFERRAL LETTER - MOTOROLA SOLUTI](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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7. [TMP-1811](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Establishing a School Speed Zone Demonstrati](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None



Poteat

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

approved the Consent Agenda

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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12. [TMP-1812](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Hote Motel Tax](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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13. [TMP-1813](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Tax on Deeds](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**ADD-ON**

**To the Council:**

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

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14. **TMP**  
**-1825**

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [COMP2025-26 – Renewal of Lease Agreement  
230 & 240 Franklin Ave](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**To the Council:**

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

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15. **TMP**  
**-1828**

**Attachments:** [Motorola Contract 030425  
Mt Vernon PD TOP 1 Site SourceWell  
Request for Legislation - Motorola Drone as a](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** Councilman Poteat: confirm bidder for piggybacking?

Council President Browne: Sourcewell and it is confirmed.

Councilman Gleason: encourage Police Department to keep funding in place for continuation

Councilman Browne: had conversation with the Mayor and

she is seeking fund from external sources

Councilman Thompson: request quarterly report from PD on how it is working out and if its beneficial.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: It is 11 months from the installation. I did have a conversation to get funding for the five years and now it's a matter of paperwork.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilman Gleason - thanked CP Browne and CM Poteat and reminisced on the last four years working together.

Councilman Thompson - thanks for a functioning and working council, and it was a pleasure working with them.

Councilman Boxhill spoke on working with Browne and Poteat and congratulated Browne on her new judgeship.

Councilman Poteat - spoke on his time on the council and encouraged the new council member to keep the work going and moving forward.

Council President Browne - surreal that this is my last meeting and spoke on the start of her campaigning and the discussion of the work they wanted to do. Spoke on the honor of being council president twice. Thanks the city staff and the work that is done in silence and the collaboration with commissioners. Thanked the city clerk staff and the commitment to the staff. Special thanks to the biggest supporter, her mother.

Motion to Adjourn

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

approved

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD

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Deputy City Clerk