

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

4:30 PM

MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 1st FLOOR

Board of Estimate & Contract

Call to Order: At 4:46 PM by Chairwoman Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard

- Roll Call:** Roll Call and reading of agenda items administered by City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters. Noticed in the Journal News.
- PRESENT** Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Darren Morton, and President Cathlin Gleason
- ABSENT** None
- OTHERS:** City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters, Deputy City Clerk Nicole J. Bonilla, Comptroller Darren Morton, Assistant Comptroller Condell Hamilton

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ORDINANCES

1. [TMP -813](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral - 2024 Cities United Convening.pdf](#)
[2024 Convening Agenda.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

2. [TMP -806](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Transfer of Funds- 8-6-2024.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

3. [TMP -904](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Emergency Restoration and Mold Abatement -Lincoln Avenue Firehouse.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: There was a major leak that messed up the whole office and there was a major amount of mold. We had bids out, but there was immediate remediation required. The other work scheduled will be done.

approved

4. [TMP -905](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [FEMA 4615-DR-NY-Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project #4615-0004 CMVNY South 3rd Avenue and South Columbus Ave.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: Comptroller Morton: Are we using this grant for a match? And if so, did we do that with another grant previously?

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: We are going to be using state money to match the federal money

approved

5. [TMP -906](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Amendment to City Council Agenda 062624 #3-Ordinance authorizing the TOF for New Vehicle Purchase-ARPA.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: I know there was questions as of why such a big vehicle and that is because the commissioner shows up for emergency situations and monitor situations when responding to hurricanes and snow storms.

approved

Motion to take items 6 & 7 as a block vote

Moved: Council President Gleason, **Seconded** by Comptroller Morton

take items as block vote

6. [TMP -913](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Emergency Sewer Rehabilitation- Station Place and Hanover Place.pdf](#)

Mayor - some of these ER projects are reducing as we move our plan forward.

approved

7. [TMP -914](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Emergency Sewer Rehabilitation- Grandview Avenue and Vernon Place.pdf](#)

Mayor Patterson - Howard: some of these ER projects are reducing as we move our plan forward.

approved

approved the Consent Agenda

Aye: Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and President Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: None

8. [TMP -912](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Water - Request 2024 Catalyst Experience.pdf](#)
[Catalyst Rogue Water Lab.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: I just want to compliment water department because they secured \$1 million for lead pipe mapping that we had to do for federal government when other municipalities had to use their own money. The state is looking giving us \$6 million to start lead line replacement and going to conferences like this help local boards of water supply have to monitor and deal with keeps the staff in compliance with federal regulations. This is important.

approved

9. [TMP -892](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Transfer of Funds CC Expense.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: Comptroller Morton: Are we transferring money from the education line into furniture?

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: Yes

Clerk Walters: The line only has \$500 left and we have a pending purchase request. We just submitted the request to purchase the line. If we do not transfer the money would be overdrawn. The chairs in the council chambers are broke

approved

10. [TMP -848](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Nutrition leg letter.pdf](#)
[Rec- 2024 Title IIIC-1 & IIIC-2 Nutrition Contract](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: The award letters and contracts are retroactive. We get them from county award letters, not contracts, maybe we need to change the legislation. We need to add "to accept and execute the document" in the referral letters.

CP Gleason: I agree that the referral letters need to be changed. There is usually no reason on the letter, that way it is clear. Even though it is a county agreement, ten years from now, it would be better to add those items.

Mayor SPH: Well let's add more details and be clear in the referral letters.

Corporation Council Johnson: We should also add the period time it is good for.

Comptroller Morton - additionally, the letter from county states this is a contract commencing retroactively October 1st, 2023 - Dec 2024. That's 2 months in a prior budget year. However, the contract itself says Jan 1st, 2024 to Dec 31st, 2024. WE would be accepting money for two different fiscal years. We just need to make sure of the dates. We also need the schedule attached. That would let me know what applies to 2023 and 2024.

approved

11. [TMP -897](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [READY Videography Services__commercial.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: None.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: there was questions about the retroact and why the communications team is not doing this. The project is too involved during the day for the communications team and this will be funded by their grant money.

Comptroller Morton: Do we have a copy of the contract?

Associate Corporation Counsel Powell: Yes, I drafted it. There should be a schedule A & B attached.

CP Gleason: Is it on I-legislate?

Clerk Walters:Yes, should be.

approved

12. [TMP -908](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Opioid Banner referral A7330- MVYB.pdf](#)
[Screenshot 2024-09-04 at 1.34.37 PM.png](#)
[Screenshot 2024-09-04 at 1.34.59 PM.png](#)
[Approved Ordinance 20240918_150736.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: Comptroller Morton: What money is funding this?

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: ASAC grant against Opioid providers is to be used for education and prevention. We accepted grants back in Feb 2024. How did we treat it?

Assistant Comptroller Hamilton: Raj is treating it as a grant fund.

Mayor SPH: We directly accepted our grant funds. There was a larger one and a smaller one coming in.

approved

13. [TMP -910](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [BITTS -Flying Classroom Saturday STEM 2024.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: This is a great program that continues with the aviation work. We have one of the students receive a full time job with Westchester county airport. Good opportunities for our young people.

approved

14. [TMP -911](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Referral Letter.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: Comptroller Morton: Are we confirmed on the right step?

Response: Assistant Comptroller Hamilton: Yes

Comptroller Morton: Is this increase because we hired someone in house at a higher step?

Mayor Patterson - Howard: Yes. It's still cost saving and the police officer is back in the field.

approved

15. [TMP -924](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Referral Letter - ESS Citywide Cameras AMMENDED](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: Comptroller Morton: Is this being paid out of the hand?

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: The installation will be paid out of hand and cameras out of lytech money over \$1 million we got from the governors office for police department. Surveillance in the community will help us catch things. License plate readers and layer this with another 70 cameras that will come to the next council meeting for the business district.

approved

SETTLEMENT(S)

16. [TMP -934](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

TAX REVIEW SETTLEMENT(S)

17. [TMP -935](#)

Attachments: [A Resolution for the Tax Reduction - \(Lucas Building Company LLC, 10 Fiske Place\).pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

SALARY RESOLUTION(S)

18. [TMP -939](#)

Attachments: [SALARY RESOLUTION NO. 4 AMENDED - PERSONNEL ASSOCIATE \(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY\).pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

ADD-ON

19. [TMP -881](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [IMA Westchester County - Mutual Aid radios \(2\)](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Mayor Patterson - Howard: This helps Mount Vernon and county police department communicate effectively, at no cost to the city

approved

20. [TMP -880](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [IMA Westchester County Tri-band antenna](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: Council President Gleason: Between administration and legislation for police and fire, money is being allocated to those departments. I saw the safety equipment that came in, that the firemen had not had in years. There's a significant amount for public safety.

Mayor SPH: This is an antenna again for greater communication. Make sure we're updated and that mutual aid is at no cost to the city.

approved

ADD-ON / PARTIAL-PAYMENT

21. [TMP -933](#)

Attachments: [NWM - Partial Payment #7 \(Rehabilitation\).pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

ADD-ON / AMENDED SALARY RESOLUTIONS

22. [TMP -945](#)

Attachments: [A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 38 Adopted by the Board of Estimate Contract on August 20 2024.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

23. [TMP -946](#)

Attachments: [A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 39 Adopted by the Board of Estimate Contract on August 20 2024.pdf](#)

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

Agenda was concluded at 5:22 PM

Chairwoman Patterson-Howard asked if there was new business:

Mayor - meeting with Motorola meeting to open our own aware room. We deal with the county, but we will have our own, cameras at dumping sites, business directs, municipal buildings and high need area. Cameras are a part of public safety. Were suing ARPA and technology grant money from governors' office. This is a part of the comprehensive safety plan we have for our city.

Gleason - everyone should take a look at the investment made in public safety.

Mayor - helping to solve more crimes will be a deterrent from others committing crimes.

Gleason - 12 month process that started last December when we were invited to Yonkers to see their aware room.

Mayor - is in excess of \$1.5 million so far. We will build out as we get more grants and funding, and making this available to about 70 businesses to have some of these tools installed at their stores, with some maintenance free. To get the confidence of the city. The residential camera are coming. Ring camera changed their policies, before PD had greater access, but they have made it more difficult for residents to share with PD.

Morton - 2018 audit is done. 2018 sent to the council and the mayor. On record, 2018 audit on the website shortly, revenue came in 3.9 million better on the budget. Expenditures exceeded by 11.7 million in that year. Concern areas during that year, sales tax went up. Dept revenues contributed to the increase, tax revenue \$700k. \$1.3 million in federal grant. Water dept had a shortfall of 1.2 million. Fire and police exceeded, some coned reimbursement for OT. \$9 million in fund balance. Second year with a deficit from budget comparisons. We will see what 2019 brings in, about 90% done by end of October. We've been getting FEMA money back and putting it back in those years. This why we've been slow to close those years.

Mayor - we had someone come in and say who is your lobbying firm because you guys are getting so much state and federal dollars. Our elected officials collectively and our commissioners. Because we get why we do travel and go to conferences.

Gleason - people can see the fruits of the labor by going to conferences.

Mayor - we're being awarded money and we've invested a little more in grant writers and working with our commissioners and leaders.

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved: Council President Gleason, Seconded by Comptroller Morton

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM

**Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk**