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### **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

#### **City Council**

***TANESIA M. WALTERS, J.D., M.P.A.***  
*City Clerk*

***NICOLE J. BONILLA, M.B.A.***  
*Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024  
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: Cathlin B. Gleason, President

OTHERS: Tanesia M. Walters, City Clerk; Nicole J. Bonilla, Deputy City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Cathlin B. Gleason 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 Gleason 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**

**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

**To the Council:**

**LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the transfer of Funds within the Department of Management Services

**Code:** LPW

2. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing Three Staff Members from the Mayor's Office to attend the Cities United 11th Annual Convening in Seattle, Washington - (October 1, 2024, to October 4, 2024)

**Code:** LPW

3. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Between Budget Lines within the Mayor's Office

**Code:** LPW

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4. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard to Commit a Local Match for the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project

**Code:** LPW

5. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Development and Manufacture of New Uniform Attire for the Department of Public Works Employees

**Code:** LPW

6. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Environetics Group Architects, PC for Condition Assessments on Municipal Buildings

**Code:** LPW

7. Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the First Amended Funding Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

**Code:** LPW

8. City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Center for Governmental Research (CGR) for the Operational Analysis of the Department of Law and the Department of Buildings

**Code:** LPW

9. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Recognizing the Service and Leadership of Joanne Dunn

**Code:** LPW

10. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Recognizing the Service and Leadership of the Honorable Janet C. Malone, J.S.C.

**Code:** LPW

11. City Council: A Resolution honoring NYC District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg, Jr. at the Westchester Black Bar Association's Annual Gala

**Code:** LPW

12. City Clerk: An Ordinance authorizing the Transfer of Funds Between the City Clerk and Election Expense Accounts for the 2023 Election Chargeback Expenses

**Code:** LPW

**To the Council:****HUMAN RESOURCES**

- NOT ADOPTED**
13. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance enabling the Mayor to enter into a contract with Westchester County for the 2024 Title IIIC-1 & IIIC-2 Senior Nutrition Contract

**Code:** HR

14. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Retroactively Enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau for the 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program & Training Program - (July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024)

**Code:** HR

15. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, NY Recognizing and Honoring James Frank Rowson

**Code:** HR

**To the Council:****PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

16. Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of City Funds for the Emergency Demolition of the Property Located at 19 South Terrace Avenue

**Code:** PSC

17. Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 24, Adopted by the City Council on June 26, 2024, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MULTI-DWELLING INSPECTION FEES TO ENABLE THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE UNIFORM CODE"

**Code:** PSC

18. Fire Department: An Ordinance Authorizing a Twelve (12) Month Leave of Absence for Mr. Kendrick Spence as Motor Equipment Operator in the Fire Department and Appointing Him to the Position of Probationary Firefighter - (Sept. 4, 2024 - Sept. 3, 2025).

**Code:** PSC

19. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds to Cover Budget Lines with Negative Balances for the Department of Public Safety

**Code:** PSC

20. Office of the City Clerk: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of Chapter 237-35, A and B of the City Code of the City of Mount Vernon, entitled "Taxicab Fares" to Increase Current Fares

**Code:** PSC

**To the Council:**

**FINANCE AND PLANNING**

21. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Comptroller's Attendance and Funding for the 2024 NYCOM Fall Training School

**Code:** FP

**ADD-ON**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

22. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Recognizing and Congratulating Rai Benjamin

**Code:** HR

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

23. Fire Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Addition of Four (4) Firefighter Positions to the Fire Department

**Code:** PSC

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES BUDGET

Whereas, by letter dated August 29, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of \$30,769.90 from Budget Code A1680.486 (Technology Upgrades (Leases of Servers and Shared Systems) to Budget Codes A1680.215 (System and Software & Support) and A1680.216 (Application Services) as specified below; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has identified a need to transfer funds within its budget to cover the costs associated with software license renewals for Adobe Systems Software and CivicPlus See-Click-Fix; and

Whereas, these costs were transferred to Management Services and were not initially included in the Department's budget under the associated budget lines; and

Whereas, the breakdown of the budget transfer is as follows:

- \$18,522.02 allocated to Budget Code A1680.216 (Application Services)
\$12,247.88 allocated to Budget Code A1680.215 (System and Software & Support); Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

Section 1. Authorization for Budget Transfer. The City Council hereby authorizes the Comptroller to transfer \$30,769.90 from Budget Code A1680.486 (Technology Upgrades (Leases of Servers and Shared Systems) to Budget Codes A1680.215 (System and Software & Support) and A1680.216 (Application Services) as specified below:

- \$18,522.02 to Budget Code A1680.216 (Application Services)
\$12,247.88 to Budget Code A1680.215 (System and Software & Support).

Section 2. Purpose of Transfer. The purpose of this transfer is to cover the costs of software license renewals for Adobe Systems Software and CivicPlus See-Click-Fix, which were not initially budgeted for under the Department of Management Services' associated budget lines.

Section 3. Authorization to Issue Payment. Upon approval of this ordinance, the Comptroller is authorized to issue payments from the reallocated budget codes to renew Adobe Systems Software and CivicPlus See-Click-Fix licenses.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED

SEP 12 2024

Date

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Mayor

APPROVED

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Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THREE STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE TO ATTEND THE CITIES UNITED 11TH ANNUAL CONVENING IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

**Whereas**, by letter dated August 8, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing three staff members from the Mayor’s Office (Chief of Staff, Malcolm Clark, Director of Constituent Services, Eric Crump, and Director of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, Tajean Turnier) to attend the Cities United 11th Annual Convening in Seattle, Washington, from October 1, 2024, to October 4, 2024; and

**Whereas**, the Cities United 11th Annual Convening will take place from October 1, 2024, through October 4, 2024, in Seattle, Washington, and offers a vital opportunity for city leaders to develop or refresh a comprehensive public safety plan that is grounded in equity, social justice, collaboration, innovation, and youth voice; and

**Whereas**, the Convening will include engaging plenary and breakout sessions, vendor showcases, interactive site visit tours, dedicated networking events, and a Sneaker Ball & Awards Ceremony; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon for three staff members from the Mayor’s Office to attend this Convening to gain insights and strategies that can benefit the city’s public safety efforts; and

**Whereas**, the total estimated cost for the trip, including travel, hotel, and registration expenses, will not exceed \$6,000.00, with \$5,000.00 to be expensed from the Mayor’s Office Budget Line A1210.402 (Travel) and \$750.00 for registration; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- **“Convening”** - the Cities United 11th Annual Convening to be held in Seattle, Washington, from October 1, 2024, to October 4, 2024.
- **“Staff Members”** – the three designated employees from the Mayor’s Office who will attend the Convening are: (Chief of Staff, Malcolm Clark, Director of Constituent Services, Eric Crump, and Director of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, Tajean Turnier).
- **“Budget Line A1210.402”** - the designated budget code for travel expenses from the Mayor’s Office Budget.

**Section 2. Authorization to Attend Convening.** The City Council authorizes three staff members from the Mayor’s Office to attend the Cities United 11th Annual Convening in Seattle, Washington, from October 1, 2024, to October 4, 2024.

**Section 3. Funding and Expenses.** The estimated travel and hotel expenses shall not exceed \$5,000.00 and will be expensed from the Mayor’s Office Budget Line A1210.402 (Travel). The estimated cost for registration is \$750.00. The total cost for the trip shall not exceed \$6,000.00.

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NOT ADOPTED

**Section 4. Purpose and Outcome.** Attending the Convening aims to gain valuable insights and strategies to develop or refresh a comprehensive public safety plan that is equitable, just, collaborative, innovative, and incorporates youth voice, to better serve the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Nay

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Nay Ordinance Not Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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**APPROVED**

Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

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Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

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President

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

**APPROVED**

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Date

By \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET LINES WITHIN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE BUDGET

Whereas, by letter dated July 26, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of funds for \$728.05 from the Mayor's Office Promotional Expenses Budget Line (A1210.459) to the Office Expenses Budget Line (A1210.401); and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon requires the efficient management of departmental budgets to maintain fiscal responsibility and ensure adequate funding for necessary expenses; and

Whereas, a negative balance has been identified in the Office Expense budget line (A1210.401) for the Mayor's Office, and there is a need to provide additional funds for future purchases and operational needs; and

Whereas, the Mayor's Office has identified available funds in the Promotional Expense budget line (A1210.459) that can be reallocated to cover the negative balance and future needs; and

Whereas, a transfer of \$728.05 from Promotional Expenses (A1210.459) to Office Expenses (A1210.401) is necessary to ensure the continued operation of the Mayor's Office without interruption; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Transfer. The City Council authorizes the transfer of funds in the amount of \$728.05 from the Mayor's Office Promotional Expenses Budget Line (A1210.459) to the Office Expenses Budget Line (A1210.401).

Section 2. Purpose of Transfer. The purpose of this transfer is to cover a negative balance in the Office Expense budget line and to provide for future purchases necessary for the effective operation of the Mayor's Office.

Section 3. Budget Adjustment. The City Comptroller is hereby directed to make the necessary adjustments to the budget to reflect this transfer, ensuring that the funds are appropriately allocated as described in this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL
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President

ATTEST:
[Signature]
City Clerk

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SEP 12 2024
Date
By [Signature]
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Yea
Potat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR  
SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD TO COMMIT A  
LOCAL MATCH FOR THE GREEN INNOVATION  
GRANT PROGRAM (GIGP) FOR THE SOUTH FOURTH  
STREET PARK GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

**Whereas**, by letter dated August 9, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard to commit the minimum 10 percent local match of \$199,000 as required by the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project No. 2152; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon has been awarded a Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) grant by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project No. 2152, in the amount not to exceed \$1,790,000 in federal funds for porous pavement, stormwater street trees, bioretention, and a green wall; and

**Whereas**, the GIGP grant requires a minimum 10 percent local match of \$199,000, which must be committed by the City of Mount Vernon to fulfill the grant requirements; and

**Whereas**, the source of the \$199,000 local match will be derived from the \$150 million in Empire State Development Corporation grants awarded to the City of Mount Vernon for sewer repairs and improvements on April 15, 2022; and

**Whereas**, the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project has been classified as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), 6 NYCRR Part 617, and is therefore not subject to further environmental review; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Definitions.** For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- **“GIGP Grant”** - the Green Innovation Grant Program funding awarded by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project.
- **“Local Match”** - the minimum 10 percent funding match required by the GIGP grant, totaling \$199,000.
- **“Type II Action”** - an action classified under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), 6 NYCRR Part 617, not subject to further environmental review.
- **“Project”** - The South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project No. 2152.

**Section 2. Authorization to Commit Local Match.** The City Council authorizes Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard to commit the minimum 10 percent local match of \$199,000 as required by the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project No. 2152.

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**Section 3. Source of Funds.** The local match of \$199,000 shall be sourced from the \$150 million in Empire State Development Corporation grants awarded to the City of Mount Vernon for sewer repairs and improvements on April 15, 2022.

**Section 4. Environmental Review.** The City Council certifies that the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project is classified as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), 6 NYCRR Part 617, and is therefore not subject to further environmental review.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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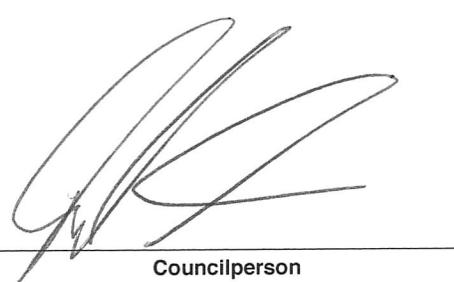
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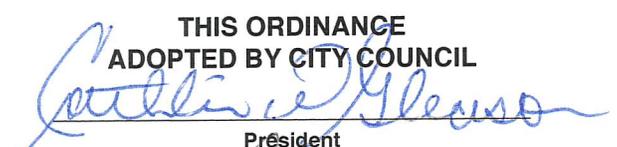
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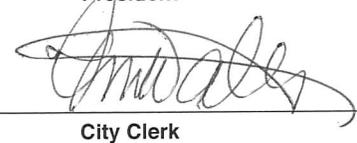
  
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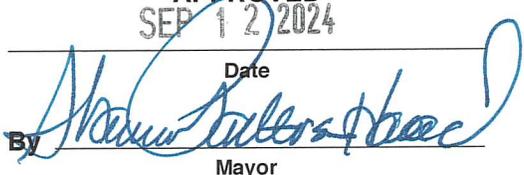
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk

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Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE  
OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR  
THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE  
OF NEW UNIFORM ATTIRE FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES**

**Whereas**, by letter dated July 16, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works (DPW) has requested legislation authorizing the City of Mount Vernon to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from qualified companies to develop and manufacture new uniform attire for DPW employees.; and

**Whereas**, DPW is instrumental in maintaining and improving the infrastructure of the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the appearance of DPW employees is a direct reflection of the City's commitment to professionalism, excellence, and community service; and

**Whereas**, there is a need to update the uniform attire of DPW employees to enhance public image, improve employee morale, and ensure that employees have access to functional and comfortable clothing; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to establish a centralized vendor for purchasing uniforms, as opposed to allowing individual selections from various vendors, thereby promoting uniformity and consistency; and

**Whereas**, the proposed collaboration for the development of new uniform attire will involve local designers and companies with expertise in creating functional, stylish, and durable clothing, thereby supporting local businesses and ensuring the specific needs and preferences of DPW employees are met; and

**Whereas**, the Teamsters 456 Union Agreement provides specific provisions for protective and safety equipment and uniform allowances that must be adhered to in this initiative; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Definitions:**

**A. "Department of Public Works (DPW)"** shall refer to the Department of Public Works of the City of Mount Vernon.

**B. "Request for Proposal (RFP)"** shall refer to the formal request issued by the City of Mount Vernon to solicit proposals from qualified companies to develop and manufacture new uniform attire for DPW employees.

**C. "Teamsters 456 Union Agreement"** shall refer to the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and the Teamsters Local 456.

**Section 2. Authorization to Release RFP.** The City of Mount Vernon is authorized to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from qualified companies to develop and manufacture new uniform attire for DPW employees.

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**Section 3. RFP Scope and Process.** The RFP process shall include, but not be limited to, the following steps:

1. **Needs Assessment and Design Consultation:** Conduct surveys and focus groups with DPW employees to gather input on their needs and preferences for the new uniforms.

2. **Design Development:** The selected company shall create several design prototypes based on the feedback received from DPW employees.

3. **Pilot Testing:** Selected DPW employees shall wear the prototypes to assess their functionality, comfort, and durability.

4. **Finalization and Production:** Based on feedback from the pilot testing, the final designs will be submitted for approval by the DPW Commissioner, after which production will commence. Uniforms will be available for purchase by all DPW employees utilizing the annual uniform allowance stipend as per the Teamsters 456 Union Agreement.

5. **Unit Pricing (Design and Production)** - for approximately 150 Employees: Unit Pricing (Design and Production) shown in Table below:

**Teamsters 456 Union Members:**

Item	Quantity Per Employee	Unit Item Cost(s)
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	3	
Crew Neck Pullover Sweater	2	
Hoodie (Zip Up or Pullover)	2	
Beanie Hat	1	
Snapback Hat	1	
All-Weather Safety Vest	2	
Winter Coat	1	
Cargo Pants (Navy Blue)	3	

**CSEA (Supervisor / Foremen)**

**Design and Production) for approximately 10 Employees:**

Item	Quantity Per Employee	Unit Item Cost(s)
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	3	
Long Sleeve Button-Down Shirt	2	
Light Spring Jacket	1	
Beanie Hat	1	
Snapback Hat	1	
Winter Coat	1	
Cargo Pants (Black)	3	

**Section 4. Compliance with Teamsters 456 Union Agreement.** All actions taken under this ordinance shall comply with the relevant provisions of the Teamsters 456 Union Agreement, including but not limited to:

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**Article XI: Protective and Safety Equipment and Tool Allowance**

- Effective January 1, 2024, the annual allowance for the purchase of protective and safety equipment shall be \$450.00, disbursed in the first payroll period in July.

**Article XII: Uniform Allowance.** Effective January 1, 2024, Unit employees, excluding those in the Water Department, shall receive an annual uniform allowance of \$850.00, disbursed in the first payroll period in July. Employees must wear the uniform designated by the City, and newly hired employees shall receive their allowance within thirty (30) workdays of employment.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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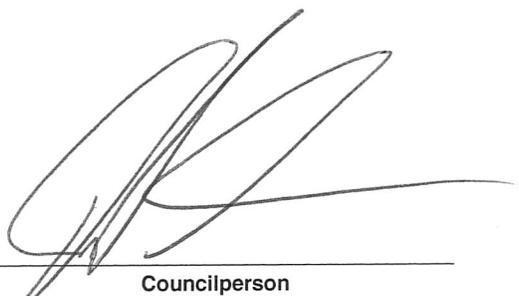
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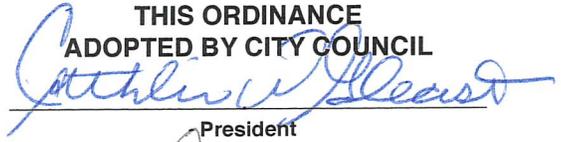
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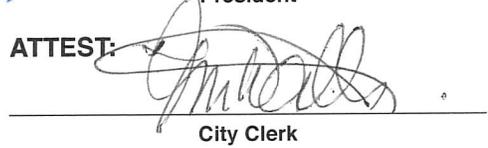
  
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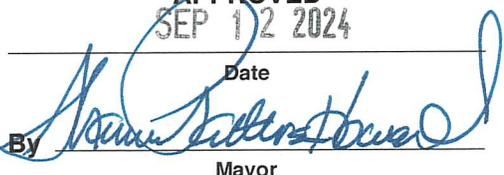
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk

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Date  
Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
ENVIRONETICS GROUP ARCHITECTS, PC  
FOR CONDITION ASSESSMENT REPORTS  
ON MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

**Whereas,** by letter dated September 9, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation to enter into a contract with Environetics Group Architects, PC for the purpose of updating Existing Condition Assessment Report(s) and conducting New Condition Assessment Report(s) for the City's municipal buildings; and

**Whereas,** the City of Mount Vernon owns and operates a diverse portfolio of municipal buildings, many of which are aging and have not been evaluated in several years; and

**Whereas,** recent critical emergency events and observations have raised significant concerns regarding the current condition of these facilities, with potential risks to public safety, building integrity, and operational functionality; and

**Whereas,** the City has determined the urgent need to update the Existing Condition Assessment Report(s) and to perform New Condition Assessment Report(s) on all municipal buildings owned by the City of Mount Vernon to address any deficiencies that may pose a threat to the community; and

**Whereas,** the City of Mount Vernon seeks to retain the services of Environetics Group Architects, PC, a firm with expertise in municipal building assessments, to provide comprehensive reviews of each building's infrastructure, including but not limited to building envelope, HVAC systems, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fire protection systems, ADA compliance, and potential environmental issues; and

**Whereas,** the associated cost for the services of Environetics Group Architects, PC is \$256,000.00, which will be funded via H1620.203.C930 – (ARPA) – City Owned Property Capital Projects Covid & Operational Compliance; and

**Whereas,** this procurement is in accordance with the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy, Section 6.A regarding professional services requiring special or technical skill, training, or expertise. The individual or company must be chosen based upon accountability, reliability, responsibility, skill, education and training, judgment, integrity and moral worth. These qualifications are not necessarily found in the individual or company that offers the lowest price, and the nature of these services are such that they do not readily lend themselves to competitive procurement procedures;  
**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Enter Contract.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Environetics Group Architects, PC for the purpose of updating Existing Condition Assessment Report(s) and conducting New Condition Assessment Report(s) for the City's municipal buildings. This ordinance facilitates the City's engagement with Environetics Group Architects, PC, ensuring the timely assessment of municipal buildings and the identification of necessary repairs to safeguard the community and city assets.

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**Section 2. Scope of Work.** The services to be provided by Environetics Group Architects, PC shall include, but are not limited to, comprehensive evaluations of the following facilities:

**Updated Reports:**

- Armory
- Fire Station #3 (3rd Street)
- Fire Station #4 (Oak Street)
- Public Works Facility (DPW)
- Doles Center

**New Facility Reports:**

- City Hall
- Police/Court Building (only Roof report previously completed)
- Fire Station #1 (Lincoln Avenue)
- Fire Station #2 (Fulton Avenue) (only Roof report previously completed)
- MVPD ESU Building
- Stevens House

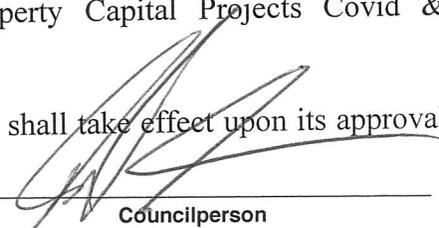
The evaluations shall include detailed observations of the building systems and provide recommendations, cost estimates, and a prioritized level of urgency for required repairs or improvements.

**Section 3. Timeline.** The anticipated timeline for the completion of the assessment reports and subsequent actions is as follows:

- Completion of updating full condition assessment reports and adding additional facilities (90 Days - 12/31/2024)
- Review reports and identify which priority projects shall be completed (30 Days - 1/31/2025)
- Prepare RFPs and complete advertisements for projects (45 Days - 3/15/2025)
- Award contracts and commence construction (15 Days - 4/1/2025)
- Select engineering/architecture firms from the established qualified list as Project Managers to oversee construction.
- All construction should tentatively commence on April 1, 2025.

**Section 4. Funding.** The total cost for the contract with Environetics Group Architects, PC is \$256,000.00. Funding for this project is available through budget line H1620.203.C930 – (ARPA) – City Owned Property Capital Projects Covid & Operational Compliance.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.



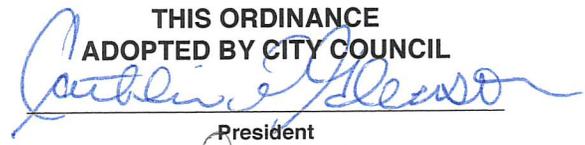
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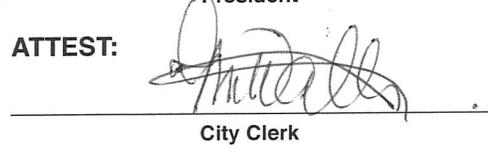
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDED FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (NYS EFC)**

**Whereas**, by letter dated August 15, 2024, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amended Funding Agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC), which provides an additional \$1,000,000 in funding for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program and extends the funding term through March 31, 2027; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply previously entered into a funding agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) on September 15, 2022, to receive funding for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program; and

**Whereas**, the NYS EFC has amended its original Funding Agreement to provide an additional \$1,000,000 in funding to the City of Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply, thereby increasing the total funding available for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program; and

**Whereas**, the Amended and Restated Funding Agreement extends the funding term through March 31, 2027, allowing the City of Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply to continue its efforts to replace lead service lines and improve water quality for residents; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon and its residents to approve and execute the First Amended and Restated Funding Agreement to secure the additional funding and ensure the successful continuation of the Lead Service Line Replacement Program; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Definitions:**

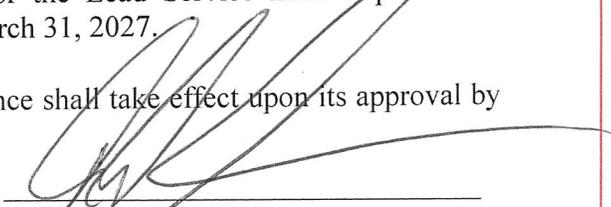
**A. "Board of Water Supply"** shall refer to the City of Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply.

**B. "NYS EFC"** shall refer to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

**C. "Lead Service Line Replacement Program"** shall refer to the initiative funded by NYS EFC to replace lead service lines within the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 2. Authorization.** The Mayor is authorized to execute the First Amended Funding Agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC), which provides an additional \$1,000,000 in funding for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program and extends the funding term through March 31, 2027.

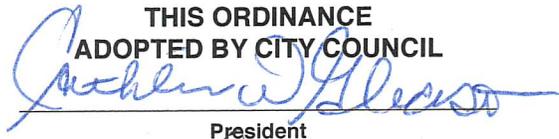
**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

  
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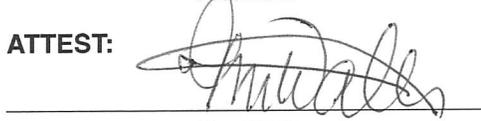
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**THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

  
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**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk

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Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CENTER  
FOR GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCH (CGR) FOR THE  
OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF LAW AND DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**

**Whereas**, by letter dated September 5, 2024, City Council Member Danielle Browne, Esq. has requested legislation authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Center for Governmental Research (CGR) for the operational analysis of the Department of Law and Department of Buildings, as outlined in the proposal provided by CGR; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to improve the operational efficiency and effectiveness of its Department of Law and Department of Buildings; and

**Whereas**, the City Council recognizes the critical importance of ensuring that these departments are sufficiently staffed and properly equipped to handle service demands in an efficient and effective manner; and

**Whereas**, CGR (Center for Governmental Research), a nonprofit consulting organization with over 100 years of experience in governmental strategic and analytic services, has been identified as the most suitable consultant to perform an operational analysis of the Department of Law and Department of Buildings; and

**Whereas**, the proposed analysis will focus on assessing current workloads, workflows, and turnaround times for key tasks, evaluating appropriate staffing levels, benchmarking peer municipalities, and providing actionable recommendations to improve service delivery and efficiency; and

**Whereas**, the total cost for CGR's services is \$37,000, to be covered by budget line A1010.405 (Contracted Outside Service); and

**Whereas**, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with CGR for the operational analysis of the Department of Law and Department of Buildings; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Contract.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with CGR (Center for Governmental Research) for the operational analysis of the Department of Law and Department of Buildings, as outlined in the proposal provided by CGR.

**Section 2. Definitions:**

- **Operational Analysis** - A comprehensive review and assessment of a department's current workflows, staffing levels, and operational efficiency.
- **CGR (Center for Governmental Research)** is a nonprofit consulting firm that specializes in providing strategic and analytic services to governmental entities.
- **Benchmarking** - The process of comparing one organization's performance, operations, and budgets against similar organizations or peers.

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**Section 3. Scope of Services.** CGR's services under this contract shall include but are not limited to:

1. Assessing current workloads, workflows, and turnaround times for critical tasks within the Department of Law and Department of Buildings.
2. Evaluating whether current staffing levels are appropriate for the service demands of the city.
3. Benchmarking peer municipalities such as New Rochelle, White Plains, and Yonkers to compare departmental sizes, operations, and budgets.
4. Providing actionable recommendations to improve operational efficiency and ensure these departments are best equipped to serve the city's needs.

**Section 4. Funding.** The total cost for CGR's services, not to exceed \$37,000, shall be paid from budget line A1010.405 (Contracted Outside Service).

**Section 5. Timeline.** CGR shall complete the operational analysis and submit its final report to the City Council. The report will include detailed options and recommendations to guide decision-making for the 2025 budget. The report's timely completion is necessary for the City to make informed budget decisions.

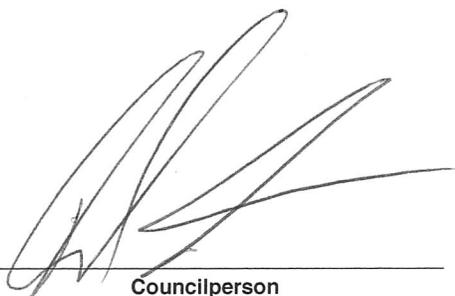
**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted



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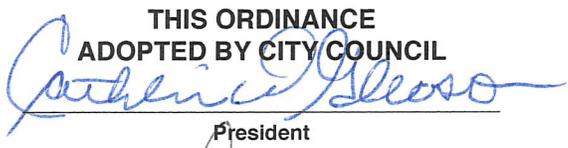
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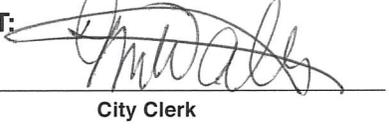
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President

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF JOANNE DUNN

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, NY joins together to recognize the service and leadership of JOANNE DUNN; and

Whereas, JOANNE DUNN is well known for her passionate advocacy for reforming the criminal justice system and her focus on promoting more humane and effective approaches to rehabilitation and reintegration; and

Whereas, JOANNE DUNN is currently the Executive Director of the Youth Shelter Program inf Westchester. She is the first woman to lead this one-of-a-kind agency that was conceived by a Westchester judge and schoolteacher to address the need for early intervention in the lives of young offenders. Its Emerging Adult Justice Initiative partners with the Mount Vernon City Court and the 9th Judicial District; and

Whereas, some might say that JOANNE DUNN was called for this service. Her childhood experience of having an incarcerated parent becoming homeless and living in a shelter with her four siblings certainly would have dictated an unfavorable outcome. However, Ms. Dunn has taken each experience to cultivate a professional career that advocates and empowers vulnerable youth. Ms. Dunn says, "This is personal for me." With that resolve, she has taken on the mission to provide housing for our youth as an option for jail and prison, and to address their emotional and educational needs, Ms. Dunn states, "I want to be the caring adult in their lives, the one who pushes them to overcome their situations." Ms. Dunn mirrors these sentiments from her firsthand experiences with her "foster mother," Ms. Valerie Swan, whom she affectionally refers to as her "saving grace"; and

Whereas, We are proud of Ms. Dunn's influence and impact on the community. This well-deserved recognition tonight from the Westchester Black Bar Association, along with previous accolades from the Business Council of Westchester 40 Under 40 Rising Star Award, the Westchester Multicultural Chamber's Community Service Award, Westfair Communications 2023 Women Innovators Award, not only speaks to her professional acumen, but it also speaks to her passion and pledge to positively impact her community; Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City Council joins with the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, the many colleagues, and friends in recognition of the exemplary commitment, leadership, and contributions of JOANNE DUNN. We thank you for your dedication. You genuinely pave the way for future generations.

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Councilperson

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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President

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City Clerk

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Date

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Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK  
RECOGNIZING *THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP*  
OF  
*THE HONORABLE JANET C. MALONE, J.S.C.***

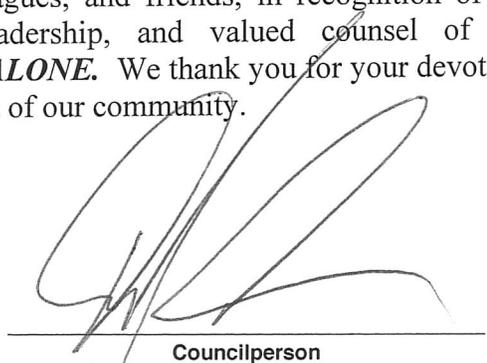
**Whereas,** the great City of Mount Vernon, NY, joins together to recognize the service and leadership of ***THE HONORABLE JANET C. MALONE***; and

**Whereas,** the ***HONORABLE JANET C. MALONE*** was elected in 2007 as the second woman of color to the position of Westchester County Family Court Judge; and

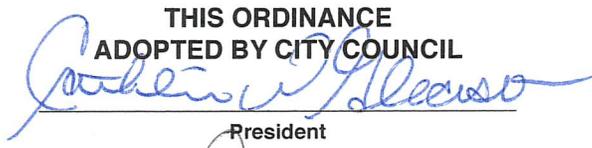
**Whereas,** the ***HONORABLE JANET C. MALONE*** made history again in 2016 as the first Caribbean-American woman to be elected to the New York State Supreme Court in the Ninth Judicial District; and

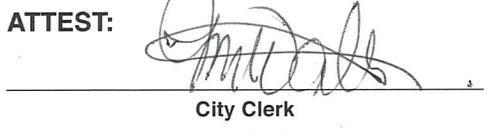
**Whereas,** the ***HONORABLE JANET C. MALONE*** has been a Westchester Black Bar Association member for over two decades with exceptional leadership as its first and second Vice President and Board member. Her passion and dedication to public service have also provided her the opportunity to serve as a Board member of The Judicial Friends Association, Inc., the Advisory Board member of Mercy University, the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and former Board of Visitors member at the City University School of Law. Judge Malone and her husband, George, support scholarships for high school seniors who demonstrate a commitment to public service and STEAM. Her drive and commitment to uplift and educate the community have made an impact through her lectures on family and matrimonial issues. Through her advocacy for mental health and wellness, she has lectured on the impact of the administration of antipsychotic medication to children in Foster Care. She has served as a member of the New York State Judicial Task Force on Mental Illness. With many recognitions for her devotion to community and public service, we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for her work and service; **Now, Therefore, be it**

**Resolved,** that the City Council joins with the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, the many colleagues, and friends, in recognition of the outstanding commitment, leadership, and valued counsel of the ***HONORABLE JANET C. MALONE***. We thank you for your devotion. You are truly an important part of our community.

  
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Councilperson

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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President

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Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Potat: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALVIN L. BRAGG, JR.

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, NY, joins together to recognize the service and leadership of District Attorney ALVIN L. BRAGG, Jr.; and

Whereas, District Attorney ALVIN L. BRAGG, Jr. was born and raised in Harlem, New York, and is an advocate for safer communities and a fairer criminal justice system. He recalls being "deeply affected by the criminal justice system," most directly through three gunpoint stops by the NYPD; and

Whereas, in 2021, ALVIN L. BRAGG, Jr. became the first African American elected to serve as the New York County District Attorney; and

Whereas, at the onset of his tenure, ALVIN L. BRAGG, Jr. announced that he would put policies in place to no longer prosecute low-level offenses through his office. He wanted the DA's office to focus on prosecuting serious violent crimes, consider the well-being of crime survivors, and address the underlying causes of criminal behavior. This powerful stance intends to protect everyday New Yorkers from abuses by the powerful and vacating wrongful convictions. He would also oversee the Police Accountability Unit, the Survivor Services Bureau, and the Special Victims Division. He would soon create the first Worker Protection Unit and expand the Hate Crimes and Post-Conviction Justice Unit. With a passion and drive to make the criminal justice system fairer, DA Bragg would gain worldwide recognition and carve his place in history for leading his office in high-profile cases; and

Whereas, we gather tonight at the Westchester Black Bar Association Gala to honor DA Bragg's lifetime of hard work, courage, and a demand for justice; Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City Council joins with the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, the many colleagues, and friends in recognition of the extraordinary work, exemplary commitment, leadership, and counsel of District Attorney ALVIN L. BRAGG, Jr. We thank you for your dedication to the people of the state of New York City.

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President

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER  
OF FUNDS BETWEEN THE CITY CLERK AND  
ELECTION EXPENSE ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
2023 ELECTION CHARGEBACK EXPENSES**

**Whereas**, by letter dated September 6, 2024, the City Clerk has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of funds from the accounts listed below to the Election "Contracted Outside Services" Expense Account (A1450.405) to cover the 2023 election chargeback expenses; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is required to meet its financial obligations for the 2023 Election Chargeback Expenses; and

**Whereas**, the Office of the City Clerk has reviewed its budget accounts and identified sufficient funds available for transfer to cover these expenses; and

**Whereas**, the City Clerk's Office has requested that funds be transferred from various accounts to the Election "Contracted Outside Services" Expense Account (A1450.405) to satisfy the 2023 election chargeback expenses; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of ensuring that election-related expenses are appropriately funded to maintain the integrity of the election process; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization of Fund Transfers.** The City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of funds from the following City Clerk accounts to the Election "Contracted Outside Services" Expense Account (A1450.405) to cover the 2023 election chargeback expenses:

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
City Clerk - Office Expense	A1410.401	\$4,048.69
City Clerk - Travel Expense	A1410.402	\$3,648.70
City Clerk - Membership & Dues	A1410.403	\$2,000.00
City Clerk - Leasing, Printing, & Copying	A1410.407	\$ 497.21
City Clerk - Education/Training	A1410.417	\$1,838.00
City Clerk - Small Equipment	A1410.419	\$ 500.00
City Clerk - Recodification of Charter	A1410.483	\$3,525.00
City Clerk - NYS Records	A1411.101	\$5,000.00
City Clerk - Records Office Expense	A1411.401	\$15,000.00
Election - Salaries and Wages	A1450.101	\$55,929.24
	<b>Total Amount of Transfer</b>	<b><u>\$91,986.84</u></b>

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**Section 2. Total Amount Transferred.** The total amount transferred between the City Clerk and Election accounts to fund the 2023 election chargeback expenses is \$91,986.84. This ordinance enables the City to meet its financial obligations for the 2023 election chargeback expenses by transferring funds from designated City Clerk budget lines to the Election Expense Account.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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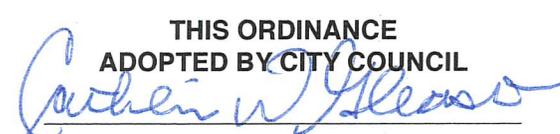
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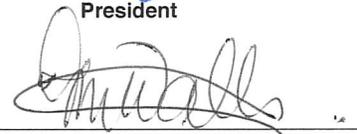
Potat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

  
Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
  
President

**ATTEST:**  
  
City Clerk

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Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR  
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UNDER THE  
TITLE IIIC-1 AND IIIC-2 PROGRAM (NUTRITION),  
AND ESTIMATED IIIC-1 & IIIC-2 NSIP  
(NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM)**

**Whereas**, by letter dated August 27, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services under the Title IIIC-1 and IIIC-2 Program (Nutrition), and the estimated IIIC-1 & IIIC-2 NSIP (Nutrition Services Incentive Program) for the contract period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of providing essential nutritional services to its senior population to promote health and well-being; and

**Whereas**, the Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services, through its Title IIIC-1 and IIIC-2 Program (Nutrition), and the Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP), provides funding to municipalities to support nutrition services for seniors; and

**Whereas**, the total budget for these programs is allocated as follows:

- 1. **Title IIIC-1 and IIIC-2 (Nutrition):**
  - o Area Agency Contribution: \$143,035
  - o Cost to City: \$ 44,864
  - o Total Budget: \$187,899
  
- 2. **Title IIIC-1 and IIIC-2 (NSIP):**
  - o Area Agency Contribution: \$20,707
  - o Cost to City: \$ -0-
  - o Total Budget: \$20,707

**Whereas**, funds for Title IIIC-1 and IIIC-2 are to be deposited in Revenue Code A4803.1 and appropriation provided for in Budget Code A6774.479; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Enter Agreement.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services under the Title IIIC-1 and IIIC-2 Program (Nutrition), and the estimated IIIC-1 & IIIC-2 NSIP (Nutrition Services Incentive Program) for the contract period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

**Section 2. Budget Allocation.** The total budget for the Title IIIC-1 and IIIC-2 (Nutrition) program is \$187,899, with \$143,035 provided by the Area Agency and \$44,864 as the cost to the City. The total budget for the Title IIIC-1 and IIIC-2 (NSIP) program is \$20,707, fully covered by the Area Agency with *no* cost to the City.

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**Section 3. Revenue and Appropriation.** Funds for Title IIC-1 and IIC-2 shall be deposited in Revenue Code A4803.1 and provided for in appropriation in Budget Code A6774.479.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

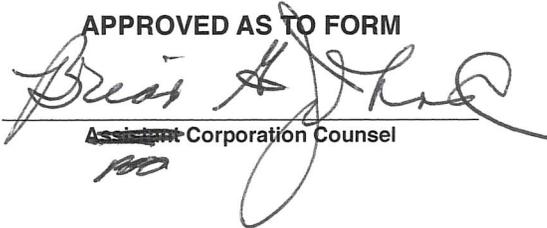
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Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

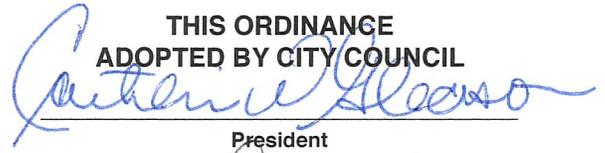
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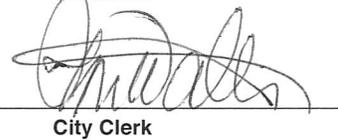
  
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City Clerk

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By \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN  
INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR  
THE 2024 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
PROGRAM & TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Whereas**, by letter dated August 7, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau for \$17,224.00 from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, to support the Youth Bureau's 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program & Training Program; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of providing youth from low to moderate-income families with opportunities for comprehensive training and work experience to enhance their employability, build self-esteem, and develop character; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, as the city's designated youth services agency, will administer the Summer Youth Employment Program & Training Program to benefit youth between the ages of 16 and 24; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (IMA) with the Westchester County Youth Bureau to secure funding for this vital program; and

**Whereas**, the funds for the program will be accounted for in Revenue Code A2229.8 for appropriations in Budget Code A7312.101 (Youth Employment) and A7312.803 (FICA) with *no* matching obligation for this grant; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1: Authorization.** The Mayor and the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau are hereby authorized to retroactively enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Westchester County Youth Bureau for \$17,224.00 from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, to support the Youth Bureau's 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program & Training Program.

**Section 2: Definitions.** For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- **"IMA"** - Inter-Municipal Agreement.
- **"Youth Bureau"** - the city's designated youth services agency, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau.
- **"Program"** - the 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program & Training Program.

**Section 3: Program Objective.** The program's objective is to provide six weeks of comprehensive training and work experience to youth between the ages of 16 and 24 from families with low to moderate income. The Program will promote transferrable skills, build self-esteem, foster character development, provide an overview of the workplace, and enhance employability skills.

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**Section 4. Funding and Appropriation.** The funds provided under this IMA shall be accounted for in Revenue Code A2229.8. The appropriations for the Program shall be made under Budget Code A7312.101 (Youth Employment) and A7312.803 (FICA).

**Section 5. No Matching Obligation.** This grant requires no matching obligation from the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024

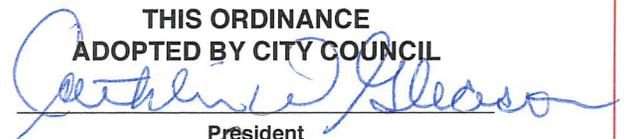
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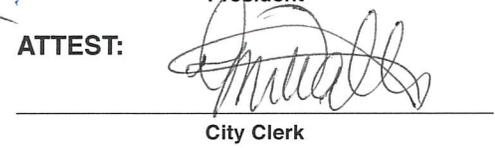
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Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

  
Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
  
President

**ATTEST:**  
  
City Clerk

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Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED**  
SEP 12 2024  
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Date  
By   
Mayor

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK  
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING  
JAMES FRANK ROWSON**

**Whereas,** the great city of Mount Vernon, New York, joins the community in recognizing the achievements of **JAMES FRANK ROWSON**; and

**Whereas,** **JAMES FRANK ROWSON** was born in Mount Vernon, NY, and at a young age fell in love with baseball and aspired to become a ballplayer; and

**Whereas,** **JAMES FRANK ROWSON** recalls walking to Brush Park growing up to watch or participate in baseball tournaments. During the 1980s and early 1990s, baseball games in Brush Park became a perfect place for the Mount Vernon community to gather. The park would be filled with hundreds of young ballplayers who aspire to reach the major league or gain sports exposure. Rowson recalls people from the community and the surrounding cities being there and an exuberant energy that was unforgettable; and

**Whereas** **JAMES FRANK ROWSON's** affection, determination, and natural talent for the game helped him achieve his goal of being a professional ballplayer. The Seattle Mariners selected him in the 1994 Major League Baseball draft and went on the New York Yankees' minor league systems from 1995 to 1997. He then played in the independent Heartland League in 1998. In his post-playing career, Rowson was the minor-league hitting coach for the Yankees and the Chicago Cubs. **Rowson** would continue to carve his pathway up in the league. In 2024 he began his first season as the Yankees' Hitting Coach. This will mark his tenth season on a Major League coaching staff and his twenty-third season coaching professional baseball; **Now, Therefore, be it**

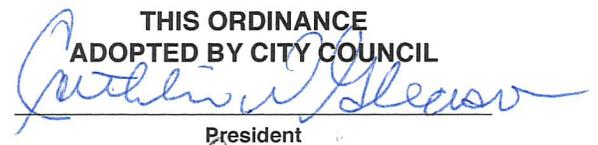
**Resolved,** the City Council is proud to join the City of Mount Vernon, New York's citizens, to recognize and honor **JAMES FRANK ROWSON** for his commitment and achievements in professional baseball. As a son of our great city, he is a positive role model for children aspiring to have a baseball career. Congratulations on this new chapter of your career, Mr. Rowson. We wish you many more successful years to come.

  
Councilperson

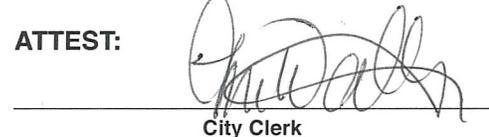
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Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

  
President

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

APPROVED  
SEP 12 2024

Date

  
By  
Mayor

APPROVED

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Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Potat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
USE OF CITY FUNDS FOR THE EMERGENCY  
DEMOLITION OF THE PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 19 SOUTH TERRACE AVENUE**

**Whereas**, by letter dated August 19, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings has certified that there was imminent danger that required urgent demolition due to unsafe building conditions at the property located at 19 South Terrace Avenue, which had a high risk of collapsing and needed to be demolished immediately; and

**Whereas**, the property located at 19 South Terrace Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, owned by Prime Paradigm Inc. (1358 Hooper Avenue, Ste 408, Toms River, NJ 08753), has been vacant since May 2016 due to structural instability; and

**Whereas**, between 2016 and the present, the property has experienced multiple fire incidents and has been the subject of numerous complaints from neighbors regarding unsafe conditions, including the partial collapse of the chimney, exterior and interior walls, retaining wall, and falling debris from the building; and

**Whereas**, on July 23, 2024, the City of Mount Vernon received a Complaint (COM-24-794) regarding the collapsing condition of the building at 19 South Terrace Avenue; and

**Whereas**, upon inspection, the City confirmed that the building was in imminent danger of collapse, which posed an immediate threat to the adjacent property located at 21 South Terrace Avenue and the life safety of surrounding residents; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to Chapter 106, Subsection 5 of the City Code, in cases where there is immediate danger to life or safety due to an unsafe building, the Commissioner is authorized to cause the immediate repair, vacating, or demolition of such a building; and

**Whereas**, on July 24, 2024, the City of Mount Vernon, in compliance with Chapter 106, Subsection 5, commenced the emergency demolition of the property at 19 South Terrace Avenue to eliminate the hazard and prevent further danger to life and property; and

**Whereas**, the City obtained three (3) estimates for the emergency demolition and selected Webb Development, the lowest bidder, which has previously completed similar demolition work for the City; and

**Whereas**, funds for this emergency demolition are available through the Emergency and Unsafe Conditions Budget Code A.3620.443 for \$60,000.00, combined with \$38,000.00 from Budget Code A3620.405ARP, totaling \$98,000.00 for the completion of the project; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization for Use of City Funds.** The City Council hereby authorizes the use of \$98,000.00 in City funds, as follows, to cover the cost of the emergency demolition of the property located at 19 South Terrace Avenue:

- \$60,000.00 from budget code A.3620.443 (Emergency and Unsafe Conditions)
- \$38,000.00 from budget code A3620.405ARP

**Section 2. Emergency Demolition Contractor.** The City Council authorizes the acceptance of the lowest bid submitted by Webb Development to conduct the emergency demolition work at 19 South Terrace Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York.

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**Section 3. Definitions:**

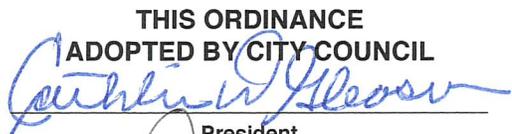
- **Zombie Home** - a property that has been vacated and is often in a state of disrepair, abandoned, or at risk of falling into such condition.
- **Emergency Demolition** - rapidly demolishing a structure deemed unsafe and an immediate threat to public safety.
- **Unsafe and Dangerous Conditions** - structural conditions that pose an immediate hazard to life, property, or public welfare due to instability, decay, or damage.

**Section 4. Purpose of Demolition.** The purpose of this emergency demolition was to prevent the immediate collapse of the building located at 19 South Terrace Avenue, which posed a significant risk to the adjacent property and the life safety of nearby residents.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

  
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 Councilperson

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
  
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 Assistant Corporation Counsel

**THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
  
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 President

**ATTEST:**  
  
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 City Clerk

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 Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024  
 Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
 Poteat: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
 Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24,  
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 26,  
2024, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH  
MULTI-DWELLING INSPECTION FEES TO ENABLE  
THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE  
THE UNIFORM CODE"**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The first decretal paragraph and Section 3, Item No. 2 of Ordinance No. 24, adopted on June 26, 2024, entitled AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MULTI-DWELLING INSPECTION FEES TO ENABLE THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE UNIFORM CODE" is hereby amended as follows:

**Whereas**, by letter dated August 20, 2024, the Commissioner for the Buildings Department has requested legislation authorizing the amendment of Ordinance No. 24, adopted by the City Council on June 26, 2024, the establishment of multi-dwelling inspection fees to ensure that the Buildings Department has sufficient resources to enforce the Uniform Code, thereby safeguarding residents' health, safety, and welfare in multi-dwelling properties; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon has a growing population and an increasing number of multi-dwelling properties; and

**Whereas**, it is imperative to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents living in multi-dwelling properties by enforcing the Uniform Code through regular inspections; and

**Whereas**, the Buildings Department needs adequate resources to address deficiencies and perform all required code enforcement activities in the city; and

**Whereas**, the imposition of multi-dwelling inspection fees will provide the necessary funding for the Buildings Department to carry out these critical inspections and enforcement activities; and

**Whereas**, annual inspections of multi-dwelling structures will allow the city to maintain high standards of safety and quality of life for its residents; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Purpose.** This ordinance aims to establish multi-dwelling inspection fees to ensure that the Buildings Department has sufficient resources to enforce the Uniform Code, thereby safeguarding residents' health, safety, and welfare in multi-dwelling properties.

**Section 2. Definitions.** For this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

1. **"Multi-Dwelling Property"**: Any residential property containing three or more separate living units.
2. **"Buildings Inspection"**: An inspection conducted by the Buildings Department to ensure compliance with building codes and regulations.
3. **"Fire Inspection"**: An inspection conducted by the Buildings Department to ensure compliance with fire safety codes and regulations.

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**Section 3. Inspection Fees.** The following fees shall be added to the Department of Buildings Fee Schedule:

**1. Buildings Inspection Fees:**

- o Inspection per building with less than ten dwelling units: \$250.00
- o Inspection per building with more than ten dwelling units: \$250.00 per 10 dwelling units

**2. Fire Inspection Fees:**

- o Inspection per building with less than ten dwelling units: \$250.00
- o Inspection per building with more than ten dwelling units per 10 dwelling units: [\$500.00] \$250.00

**Section 4. Enforcement.** The Buildings Department shall conduct annual inspections of all multi-dwelling properties to ensure compliance with the Uniform Code. The fees collected from these inspections shall fund the inspection program and other code enforcement activities.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Any <sup>interval</sup> number between the ~~affixed~~ <sup>10 dwelling units</sup> number will be rounded up to the next interval of 10. - ~~error~~. *CP*

For example if a building has 13 units it will be treated as 20 units and 21 units will be treated as 30 units: ~~error~~. *CP*

*[Signature]*  
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 Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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 Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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 President

ATTEST:

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 City Clerk

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 Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TWELVE (12) MONTH LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MR. KENRICK SPENCE AS MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND APPOINTING HIM TO THE POSITION OF PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER

Whereas, by letter dated September 5, 2024, the Commissioner of the Fire Department has requested legislation authorizing a twelve (12) month leave of absence for Mr. Kenrick Spence from his current position as Motor Equipment Operator in the Fire Department, effective September 4, 2024, through September 3, 2025, under the terms of his employment under the Teamsters Local 456 contract; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon currently employs Mr. Kenrick Spence as a Motor Equipment Operator in the Fire Department; and

Whereas, Mr. Kenrick Spence has been selected for appointment to the position of Probationary Firefighter within the Fire Department of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon desires to grant Mr. Spence's request for a leave of absence and appoint him to the position of Probationary Firefighter to serve in a probationary status for the duration of the twelve months; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Leave of Absence for Mr. Kenrick Spence. The City Council hereby grants Mr. Kenrick Spence a twelve (12) month leave of absence from his current position as Motor Equipment Operator in the Fire Department, effective September 4, 2024, through September 3, 2025, pursuant to the terms of his employment under the Teamsters Local 456 contract.

Section 2. Appointment to the Position of Probationary Firefighter. The City Council hereby appoints Mr. Kenrick Spence to the position of Probationary Firefighter within the Fire Department of the City of Mount Vernon. Mr. Spence shall serve in this probationary status for twelve (12) months, commencing on September 4, 2024, and ending on September 3, 2025.

Section 3. Compliance with the Teamsters Local 456 Contract. The provisions of this ordinance are in full compliance with the terms of Mr. Kenrick Spence's employment as outlined in the Teamsters Local 456 contract, including any rights or obligations therein regarding leave of absence and appointment to a new position.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL President

ATTEST: City Clerk

APPROVED Dept.

APPROVED SEP 12 2024 Date Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024 Boxhill: Yea Brownne: Yea Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO COVER BUDGET LINES WITH NEGATIVE BALANCES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Whereas, by letter dated July 19, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of funds shown below to cover negative balances reported by the Comptroller's office in the specified budget lines; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety has reported negative balances in certain budget lines as identified by the Comptroller's Office; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization of Fund Transfers. The City Council hereby authorizes the Comptroller to make the following transfers to cover negative balances in the specified budget lines:

Table with 4 columns: Reason for Transfer, Amount to be Transferred, From Budget Line, To Budget Line. Rows include Parking Bureau technology expenses, uniform expenses, and parking meters ordered in 2023.

Section 2. Purpose of Transfers. These fund transfers are necessary to address underestimated expenses in the Parking Bureau's technology and uniform expenses and cover the costs of parking meters ordered in 2023.

Section 3. Compliance with Budgetary Regulations. All transfers shall comply with applicable city regulations and budgetary policies.

Section 4. Effective Date of Ordinance. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Signature of Assistant Corporation Counsel

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

Signature of Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Signature of President

President

ATTEST:

Signature of City Clerk

City Clerk

APPROVED

SEP 12 2024

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Signature of Mayor

Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 237-35, A AND B OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, ENTITLED "TAXICAB FARES" TO INCREASE CURRENT FARES

Whereas, the Taxicab Commission of the City of Mount Vernon, pursuant to Section 238-3(a) of the City Code entitled "Taxicab Commission," has considered the concerns and suggestions from citizens, organizations, and groups within the city regarding the need for a fare increase to address the financial pressures caused by high gas prices and inflation; and

Whereas, the Taxicab Commission, after careful deliberation, has voted to recommend an increase in the base fare to ensure that taxicab drivers are better able to maintain their vehicles and provide an improved service experience for passengers; and

Whereas, by letter dated August 5, 2024, the City Clerk has requested an amendment to Chapter 237-35 A and B of the City Code concerning "Taxicab Fares" to increase the current rates by \$1.00 (one dollar); and

Whereas, the Taxicab Commission has recommended that the City Council enact legislation to amend Chapter 237-35(A) and (B) of the City Code to reflect a \$1.00 increase in the flat rate for conveying passengers within the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to ensure that taxicab fares are adjusted to reflect the current economic conditions and to maintain the quality of service for residents and visitors; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

§ 237-235 - Taxicab fares. The lawful sums to be collected for the hire of a taxicab shall be as follows:

Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 237-35(A) – Taxicab Fares for Single Passengers

Chapter 237-35(A) of the City Code of Mount Vernon is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. For conveying a single passenger from any place within the city limits: flat rate fee of \$7.00 [ \$6.00 ] and flat rate fee of \$1.00 for each additional passenger traveling with such person.

Section 2. Amendment to Chapter 237-35(B) – Taxicab Fares for Passengers over 60 Years of Age

Chapter 237-35(B) of the City Code of Mount Vernon is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. For conveying a person 60 years of age or over as a single passenger within the city limits: flat rate fee of \$6.00 [ \$5.00 ], and \$1.00 for each additional passenger traveling with such person.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

Vote Taken As Follows: 8/14/2024 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Abstain Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea Gleason: Abstain Ordinance Not Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL President

ATTEST: City Clerk

APPROVED Dept.

APPROVED SEP 12 2024 Date Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
COMPTROLLER'S ATTENDANCE AND FUNDING  
FOR THE 2024 NYCOM FALL TRAINING SCHOOL**

**Whereas**, by letter dated August 28, 2024, the Comptroller has requested legislation authorizing him to attend the 2024 NYCOM Fall Training School from September 16 - 20, 2024, in Saratoga Springs, New York.; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon values the professional development of its employees and recognizes the importance of continued education and training for effective municipal management; and

**Whereas**, Comptroller Morton has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers, an honor that requires his attendance and participation at the 2024 NYCOM Fall Training School; and

**Whereas**, the 2024 NYCOM Fall Training School provides a significant opportunity for training, networking, and professional development that will benefit the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the total cost for attending the training, including the conference fee, hotel accommodations, meals, and ground transportation, is estimated not to exceed \$1,800.00; and

**Whereas**, funds for attendance at the training will be provided through appropriation codes A1315.402 (Travel) and A1315.417 (Education/Training); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Attend Training.** The City Council authorizes Comptroller Morton to attend the 2024 NYCOM Fall Training School from September 16 - 20, 2024, in Saratoga Springs, New York.

**Section 2. Definition:**

- **NYCOM Fall Training School:** An annual training event organized by the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) to provide education, networking, and professional development opportunities for municipal officials and employees.

**Section 3. Purpose:** This ordinance authorizes Comptroller Morton's attendance at the 2024 NYCOM Fall Training School and allocates necessary funding to cover associated expenses, supporting his role on the Board of Directors of the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers and enhancing the City's administrative capabilities.

**Section 4. Funding Allocation.** The City Council approves spending funds to be at most \$1,800.00 on costs associated with attending the 2024 NYCOM Fall Training School, including, but not limited to, the conference fee, hotel accommodations, meals, and ground transportation. These expenses shall be charged to appropriation codes A1315.402 (Travel) and A1315.417 (Education/Training).

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**Section 5. Justification for Attendance.** Attendance at the 2024 NYCOM Fall Training School is necessary for Comptroller Morton to fulfill his role as a newly elected member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers. Participation in this training will enhance his ability to contribute effectively to the governance and fiscal management of the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024

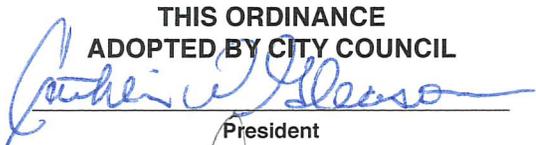
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

  
Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
  
President

**ATTEST:**  
  
City Clerk

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**APPROVED**  
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**APPROVED**  
SEP 12 2024  
Date  
  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING RAI BENJAMIN

Whereas, Rai Benjamin was born and raised in Mount Vernon, NY. He attended Mount Vernon High School, where he excelled academically and established his track and field career. Rai was the fastest 2015 prep time in the United States in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 49.97; the fastest 400-meter indoor time in the country with a 46.59, and the third fastest outdoor time with 46.19; and
Whereas, Rai is a professional hurdler and sprinter who is an inspiration to the youth of Mount Vernon while exhibiting the physical and mental discipline required to achieve at this level; and
Whereas, his Mount Vernon Family is proud of his representation for the United States in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games held in 2021 and, most recently, the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. In 2021 he won the silver medal in the Men's 400-meter hurdles and a gold medal in the Men's 4 x 400 meters relay; and
Whereas, in Paris, Rai competed again in the same two disciplines, winning gold in the Men's 400-meter hurdles, besting his longtime rival. Additionally, he won his second gold medal of the games, anchoring the Men's 4x 400-meter USA relay team; and
Whereas, continuing to hone his craft at the University of Southern California (USC) and later at the University of California Los Angeles, where he received All-American honors from the NCAA; and
Whereas, Rai Benjamin ran for the UCLA Bruins and then the USC Trojans in early 2018, he was part of the team that set the world's best time in the indoor 4 x 400-meter relay with a time of 3:00.77. In June of the same year, he also helped set the NCAA record in the same event but outdoors and ran what was at the time the second fastest 400 m hurdles race of all time in 47.02; and
Whereas, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon acknowledges the unprecedented achievements of Rai Benjamin, on all his accomplishments; Now, Therefore, be it
Resolved, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, do hereby officially recognize the unprecedented athletic achievements of Rai Benjamin for his recently awarded gold medals from the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, where he earned his first gold medal in the Men's 400-meter Hurdles and his second gold medal in the men's 4x400m relay; be it further
Resolved, the Mount Vernon City Council and the residents of Mount Vernon, NY, congratulate Rai Benjamin on renaming Memorial Field Plaza to THE "RAI BENJAMIN PLAZA."

Derrick Thompson Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL President

ATTEST: City Clerk

APPROVED SEP 12 2024 Date Mayor

APPROVED Dept.

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Potat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF FOUR (4) FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Whereas,** by letter dated September 9, 2024, the Commissioner of the Fire Department has requested legislation authorizing the addition of four (4) firefighter positions to the Fire Department of the City of Mount Vernon (FDMV), increasing the department's total allotment from ninety-eight (98) to one hundred and two (102) firefighter positions; and

**Whereas,** the Fire Department previously had an allotment of 109 firefighter positions, which was reduced to 98 in the 2024 budget due to the expectation that no firefighters would be hired during the budget year; and

**Whereas,** a new list of passing candidates for firefighter positions has been announced, and the FDMV desires to take advantage of the opportunity to fully staff the department in response to this development; and

**Whereas,** the FDMV has determined that onboarding eleven (11) firefighters, increasing the department's allotment to 102 positions, is necessary to meet the staffing needs of the department and to ensure the continued protection and safety of the community; and

**Whereas,** the funds required to support the additional firefighter positions are available due to salary savings from vacant positions during the period of January to September 2024, and no additional transfer of funds is necessary; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

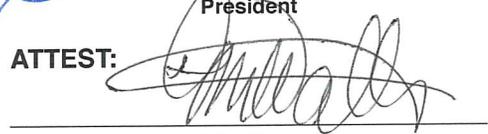
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Add Firefighter Positions.** The City of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes the addition of four (4) firefighter positions to the Fire Department, increasing the department's total allotment from ninety-eight (98) to one hundred and two (102) firefighter positions. This ordinance facilitates the addition of four firefighter positions to ensure that the Fire Department of Mount Vernon is fully staffed and equipped to meet the community's safety needs.

**Section 2. Budget Impact.** The funding required to support the newly added firefighter positions shall be drawn from the salary savings accrued due to vacant positions in the Fire Department from January to September 2024. No additional budgetary transfer is necessary to cover the costs of these new positions.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

  
Councilperson  
**THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
  
President  
**ATTEST:**  
  
City Clerk

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SEP 12 2024  
Date  
  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/11/2024  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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