

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

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

### **City Council**

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA  
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD  
Deputy City Clerk*

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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025.**

**Scheduled for 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.**

*\*\*\* This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, with virtual participation via ZOOM and CMVNY Facebook. The meeting was not closed to the public.\*\*\**

**PRESIDING:** Danielle Browne, President

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

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Danielle Browne called the meeting to order and provided general house-keeping rules, including encouraging citizens to share the meeting on social media and what to do “in case of emergency”. Council President Browne explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. She then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Manning, Jr, Mount Vernon, NY No Show 7:09 pm

Vernel Arenas, Mount Vernon, NY No Show 7:09 pm

Peter Tschaslis, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Non-responsive government and tow trucks 7:10 pm

Councilman Boxhill - met with him and Brian, a few weeks ago; he was 45 minutes late, and we waited to address his issue.

Councilman Poteat - has come before with the same compliants and council members have met with him and are making usre they are making things better for residents.

Councilman Gleason - confirmed with PD that his license was valid.

Geoff Munroe, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: ICE raids 7:14 pm

Councilman Poteat - thank you for coming and telling us what is happening in the community. regarding the options of the council and city representatives we can't do much on the federal level. we are not sure if it was ICE that you saw, but it probably was. what should we do about it? like Obama says, vote. There are more elections coming up and I will be working to get people out there to register and vote. That is how I feel.

Councilman Gleason - requested additional information from the speaker on the ICE raids.

Councilman Thompson - cameras deter crime and there is data that shows that it prevents crimes. want to assure the community that the council is committed to make sure the residents and businesses feel safe.

Council President Browne - immigration enforcement is by federal government and not local government and asking us how should we protect our residents. How are we should do that? Munroe - I do not want to have that dialogue here at this public forum. we need dialogue between the state and the citizens.

Nicole White, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Brush Park events and police blocking residents from driving up to their homes 7:19 pm

Councilman Boxhill - I do see PD block off street, will address with PD

Councilman Poteat - agree with being upset, you are in good hands with Gleason. please stay on top of council after a month, because next summer these events do not hinder residents accessing their homes

Councilman Gleason - will clarify with PD, have observed that PD will let people in who live on the

block.

Councilman Thompson - I will work with Gleason and PD.

Councilman Browne - I don't think you need a decal, and ID with your address is enough, this might be an issue of training or having process. Perhaps Commissioner Pickney can share a schedule with residents.

**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

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

**ABSENT:** None

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

**To the Council:**

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

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- 1. [TMP-1607](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [MVPL Cover Letter](#)  
[FD MVPL Response](#)  
[DPW-Printer 20250908 144128](#)  
[2025 Comic Con](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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- 2. [TMP-1588](#)

**Code:** LPW

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**Attachments:** [AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FREE INFORMATION LAW \(FOIL\) COMPLIANCE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK UPDATED Law Department - Referral Letter to Establish a Freedom of Information Compliance](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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3. [TMP-1605](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [September 2025 NYCOM - Rescind](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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4. [TMP-1609](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Mayor's Office Referral - USCM Fall Meeting USCM FALL Leadership Agenda 2025](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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5. [TMP](#)  
[-1586](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Budget Transfer Update](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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6. [TMP](#)  
[-1590](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [DASNY Grant Acceptance](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

0 7. [TMP-1591](#)  
**Code:** LPW  
**Attachments:** [Referral Letter to Enter into Agreement with E Management](#)

0 8. [TMP-1597](#)  
**Code:** LPW  
**Attachments:** [A. Montero LOA-Revised](#)  
**Moved:** Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill  
**On the question:** none.  
**Response:** none.

adopted  
**Aye:** President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason  
**Nay:** None  
**Absent:** None

0 9. [TMP-1598](#)  
**Code:** LPW  
**Attachments:** [082925 Referral Letter](#)  
**Moved:** Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill  
**On the question:** none.  
**Response:** none.

adopted  
**Aye:** President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason  
**Nay:** None  
**Absent:** None

0 10. [TMP-1600](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Local Law Referral Letter - Administrative Sea LOCAL LAW OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VI ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE SE PROCEDURE TO BE USED IN CONJUNCT LAW NO. 6 OF 2024](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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11. [TMP -1604](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Referral Letter NYCOM Fall Training 2025 -a](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**To the Council:**

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

No items

**To the Council:**

The PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES Committee recommends for ADOPTION the following

entitled legislation:

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12. [TMP-1592](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Glock Referral](#)  
[Glock Armor School](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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13. [TMP-1596](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Tactical Narotics Debriefing Training Referral](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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14. [TMP-1606](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Excelsior Challenge Referral](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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15. [TMP  
-1608](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Driveway Width](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**To the Council:**

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

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16. [TMP  
-1579](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [545 S. Fulton Ave. letter](#)

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

adopted

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilman Gleason: commends Police Department officers because they saved a house full of people from a house fire

- Utah Valley assassination: no one should be killed because of freedom of speech. requests a moment of silence.

Councilman Poteat - Discussed ICE Raids and requested the community to be alert if ICE is spotted in the city. Encouraged the public to register to vote, deadline is 10/25

Motion to Adjourn

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

**On the question:** none.

**Response:** none.

approved

<b>Aye:</b>	President Browne, Pro Tempore Poteat, Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason
<b>Nay:</b>	None
<b>Absent:</b>	None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD  
Deputy City Clerk