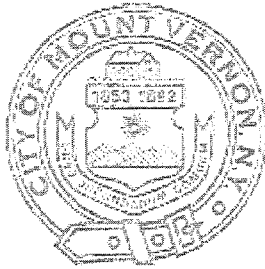


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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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, 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

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by Deputy City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

1. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Transfer for 2024 Expenditures
2. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Retroactive Award of the Dell VXRail Support Contract to SoftChoice and Approving Payment from ARPA Funds
3. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance requesting approval for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sunlight Technologies, Inc. (dba “Readyly”) and make payment for a pilot program to create an AI (Artificial Intelligence) environment for the City
4. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Damaged and Non-Functional Equipment
5. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Combo Vacuum Truck, Funding Sources: State Aid Sewer Capital and (2) Equipment Sewers

6. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Award of a Contract of the Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project - General Construction (Contract 12222024)
7. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Award of a Contract of the Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project - Equipment Procurement (Contract 122232024)

To the Council:

HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items

To the Council:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

8. Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Granting a Twelve (12) Month Leave of Absence to Mr. Miguel Wolfe from his Permanent Position as an Office Assistant to Serve as a Building Clerk within the Department of Buildings
9. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance to Ratify and Approve the Contract between the City of Mount Vernon and the Uniformed Firefighters' Association - Local 107, IAFF, AFL-CIO

To the Council:

FINANCE AND PLANNING

10. Department of Assessment: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with MRB|group, Engineering, Architecture, Surveying D.P.C. - (Contract for Mapping the entire City)

ADD-ON

HUMAN RESOURCES

11. City Council: An Ordinance to Rename 4th Street Park as "Gus 'The Wizard' Williams Park"

FINANCE AND PLANNING

12. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Appointing Constance Gerrie Post to the Mount Vernon Economic Development Task Force - (for a two (2) year term effective February 26, 2025 - February 25, 2027)
13. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Providing for the Appointment of Members to the City Economic Development Task Force (Council President Danielle Browne and Pro Tem Councilman Edward Poteat)

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

14. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Appointing R. Thomas Umstead to the Cable Television Advisory Committee - (for a two (2) year term effective February 26, 2025 - February 25, 2027)

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A
BUDGET TRANSFER FOR EXPENDITURES

Whereas, by letter dated January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) from Budget Code A1680.215 (Software) to Budget Code A1680.216 (Application Services) to cover necessary expenditures; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has identified an overage in budget code A1680.216 (Application Services) that requires additional funding; and

Whereas, there are sufficient funds available in budget code A1680.215 (Software) that may be transferred to cover the shortfall; and

Whereas, the requested budget transfer in the amount of \$4,000 is necessary to support expenditures; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to ensure proper budgetary allocations for the effective operation of the City Council; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization of Budget Transfer. The Department of Management Services is hereby authorized to transfer the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) from Budget Code A1680.215 (Software) to Budget Code A1680.216 (Application Services) to cover necessary expenditures.

Section 2. Implementation. The Comptroller and all relevant City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to effectuate the transfer of funds as provided herein.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

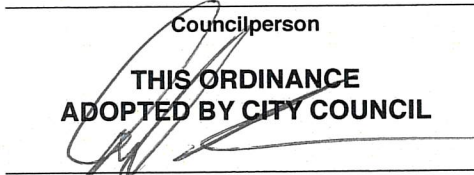
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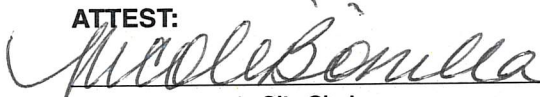
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Assistant Corporation Counsel
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President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
RETROACTIVE AWARD OF THE DELL VXRAIL
SUPPORT CONTRACT TO SOFTCHOICE AND
APPROVING PAYMENT FROM ARPA FUNDS

Whereas, by letter dated February 3, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation retroactively authorizing the award of the contract for RFP #0031-2024 to SoftChoice for Dell VxRail support services as described in the proposal; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon issued RFP #0031-2024 to secure comprehensive support services for critical IT infrastructure at City Hall and the Police Department, including Dell VxRail hyper-converged infrastructure, VMware solutions, and IDPA backup systems; and

Whereas, the timely maintenance and support of these systems are crucial for ensuring the security, functionality, and uninterrupted operations of essential city services; and

Whereas, the RFP was publicly advertised, and proposals were evaluated based on technical capability, cost-effectiveness, vendor reputation, service level agreements (SLAs), and scalability; and

Whereas, after a thorough review, SoftChoice was identified as the most suitable vendor based on its comprehensive proposal, expertise in VxRail support and VMware solutions, and ability to deliver superior service levels at a competitive price; and

Whereas, the contract with SoftChoice includes a 12-month term from April 2025 to April 2026, with an option to renew for up to three years, and provides key deliverables including 24x7x4 on-site and remote support, technical maintenance, access to ParkView Advanced Monitoring, and escalation services to minimize downtime; and

Whereas, the Finance Department has reviewed and confirmed that ARPA funds are an appropriate funding source for this contract, specifically from account H1680.203.C297; and

Whereas, approval of this ordinance is necessary to ensure continued IT support and functionality for City Hall and the Police Department, safeguarding the integrity of municipal operations; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Retroactively Award Contract. The City Council hereby retroactively awards the contract for RFP #0031-2024 to SoftChoice for Dell VxRail support services as described in the proposal.

Section 2. Funding. The total contract value of \$21,555.63 for the initial 12-month term shall be paid from ARPA funds allocated under account H1680.203.C297.

Section 4. Authorization to Enter into Contract. The Mayor and appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and take any further action required to effectuate the intent and purpose of this ordinance.

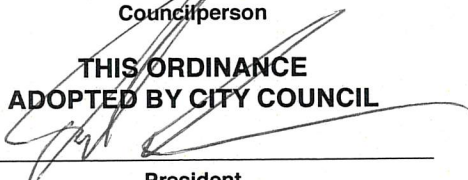
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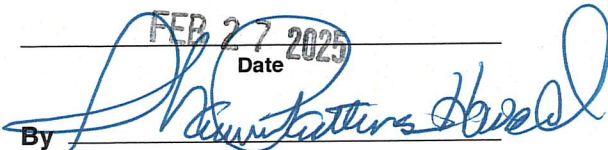

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUNLIGHT
TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (DBA "READYLY") AND MAKE
PAYMENT FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO CREATE AN
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ENVIRONMENT
FOR THE CITY**

Whereas, by letter dated February 13, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sunlight Technologies, Inc. (dba "Readyly") to launch a pilot program that integrates an AI-based tool with OpenGov, as outlined in the contract proposal; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to enhance public engagement and improve efficiency through the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based tools; and

Whereas, Sunlight Technologies, Inc. (dba "Readyly") has an established working relationship with OpenGov and is capable of providing an AI-based tool that integrates with the City's OpenGov platform; and

Whereas, the AI-based tool will include multilingual AI chatbots, voice-based AI agents, email response agents, and advanced analytics, thereby improving access to information, optimizing workflow efficiency, and enhancing services provided by the City; and

Whereas, the City proposes a pilot program for 12 months at a total cost of \$18,000, with funding shared among the Mayor's Office, Management Services, and the Buildings Department under budget codes A1210.405, A1680.216, and A3620.416, respectively; and

Whereas, the implementation of this AI-based tool will provide 24/7 assistance to residents, support multiple languages, offer real-time assistance for public inquiries, and deliver analytics to optimize resource allocation; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that entering into this agreement is in the best interests of the residents of Mount Vernon and will provide long-term benefits through improved communication and operational efficiency; **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 Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Sunlight Technologies, Inc. (dba "Readyly") to launch a pilot program that integrates an AI-based tool with OpenGov, as outlined in the contract proposal.

Section 2. Duration and Scope of Services. The pilot program shall have a duration of twelve (12) months, at a total cost of \$18,000. The key deliverables under this agreement shall include, but are not limited to:

1. AI-based chatbot integration with OpenGov.
2. AI-based voice interaction with OpenGov.
3. AI-based multilingual interface with OpenGov.
4. Analytics and metrics on citizen engagement in OpenGov.
5. Staff training sessions.
6. Technical support, maintenance, and other services as specified in the proposal.

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Section 3. Funding Allocation. The costs associated with this agreement shall be allocated as follows:

- Mayor's Office (A1210.405) - \$6,000
- Management Services (A1680.216) - \$6,000
- Buildings Department (A3620.416) - \$6,000

Section 4. Benefits to the City. The AI-based tool implemented under this pilot program is expected to provide the following benefits:


1. Continuous 24/7 assistance for residents through AI-powered chatbots and voice services.
2. Multilingual capabilities to improve accessibility for non-English speaking residents.
3. Real-time assistance for the Buildings Department, enabling staff to intervene as needed.
4. Enhanced analytics and insights to optimize resource allocation and improve city services.
5. A controlled and structured introduction to AI technology for city operations, minimizing risks while maximizing benefits.

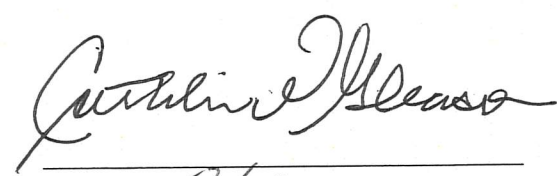
Section 5. Implementation and Reporting. The Department of Management Services shall oversee the implementation of this pilot program and report to the City Council on its effectiveness, including key performance metrics and recommendations for potential future adoption beyond the pilot phase.

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

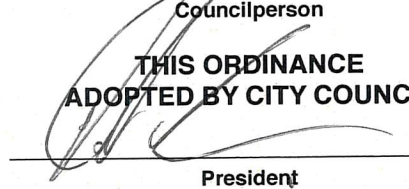
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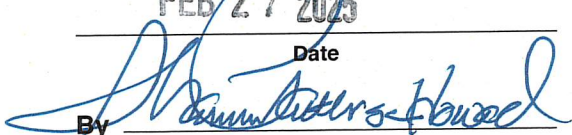
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President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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Date


By Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL
OF DAMAGED AND NON-FUNCTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Whereas, by letter dated February 11, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation authorizing said Department to dispose of the following equipment, which has been deemed damaged, non-functional, or obsolete; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has identified specific electronic equipment that is damaged, non-functional, or outdated; and

Whereas, the continued storage of such equipment serves no beneficial purpose and occupies valuable space within City facilities; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to dispose of said equipment in an environmentally responsible manner in accordance with applicable electronic waste disposal regulations; and

Whereas, the City has arranged for an e-waste recycling company to collect and properly dispose of the equipment mentioned above; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization for Disposal. The Department of Management Services is hereby authorized to dispose of the following equipment, which has been deemed damaged, non-functional, or obsolete:

Device	Model	Serial Number
HP LaserJet Pro 500 color printer	CZ271A	CNB9K232GH
HP Printer	CB509A	CNDYBO1420
HP Printer	CE841A	CNG9D330YS
HP Printer	Q5401A	USDX06694
Dell Printer	OPTIPLEX	G9SMSBC1
Dell PC		9SMSBC1
Dell Monitor	C2422HE	CN-OK8N80-WSLOO-11F-E8PL-AOO
Dell Monitor		3CQ0241RHQ
HP Printer	CE991A	CNCCF2C043
HP Printer		2UA6271N83
HP Printer		2UA24485K
XEROX PRINTER		QQZ360298
HP Computer	C8N26AV	2UA418OY69
LENOVA Monitor	0761-22U	L3-G4307
Dell PC	JSD2	6YOMHO3
Dell PC	JSD2	HCV14Y2
Dell PC	JSD2	DBDFN23
Dell PC	JSD2	HCVO4Y2
Dell PC	JSD2	8SPS753
Dell PC	JSD2	HL99853
Dell PC		F6JQNL1
HP Computer	8300	2VA3501FVB
Dell Monitor	1704 fpt	CN-OY4299-71618-613-CCKU
Dell Inspiron 3310	200	JN2DYZ2
Dell Inspiron 3310	4	5SWBXZ2
Dell Inspiron 3310	117	26SBXZ2
Dell Inspiron 3310	158	BV2DYZ2
Dell Inspiron 3310	99	1BSBXZ2

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Dell Inspiron 3310	138	GP2DYZ2
Dell Inspiron 3310	47	BS2DYZ2
Dell Inspiron 3310	491	D5SBXZ2
HP 255 G6	486	CND7501KTK
HP 255 G6	492	CND7501KSX
HP 255 G6		CND7501L08
HP Pro 6320 Printer		TH6BT6109K
WIRELESS MAC- PORT SWITCH		BF0053423
KONICA MINOLTA BIZHUB	554E	936451321
HP SWITCH		
HP Elitedesk	CIV00539	S/N2UA8252074
HP Elitedesk	CIV00538	S/N2U825073
HP Elitedesk	VET00565	S/N2UA8302CX6
HP Elitedesk	VET00564	S/N2U8302CX5
DELL OPTIPLEX	643	S/N DC1VNX2
ASROCK		S/N D0509951E48F
Switch Case		9K4FAUNBD40DB
Battery Backup		2438BYOSM880800791

Section 2. Method of Disposal. The Department of Management Services shall ensure that all disposed equipment is handled correctly and recycled by a certified e-waste recycling company in compliance with federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

Section 3. Implementation. The Commissioner of the Department of Management Services, or their designee, shall oversee the execution of this ordinance, including coordinating logistics for collection and disposal.

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

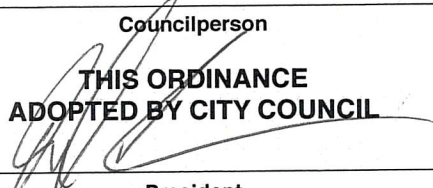
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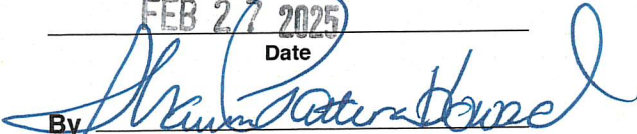

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ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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Date


By Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
PURCHASE OF ONE (1) COMBO VACUUM TRUCK,
FUNDING SOURCES: (1) STATE AID SEWER
CAPITAL AND (2) EQUIPMENT SEWERS**

Whereas, by letter dated February 6, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing the purchase of one (1) Combination Sewer Truck, equipped with both vacuum and high-pressure jetting capabilities, to support the ongoing sewer maintenance operations of the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is responsible for maintaining an effective and efficient sewer system to serve its residents; and

Whereas, the City's existing equipment, including the Clamshell Truck and Flusher Truck, has proven inadequate due to frequent breakdowns and mechanical failures, severely limiting the Department of Public Works (DPW) ability to perform essential maintenance and emergency sewer services; and

Whereas, the acquisition of a Combination Sewer Truck, which integrates both vacuuming and high-pressure jetting functions, is necessary to meet the City's ongoing sewer maintenance and infrastructure needs; and

Whereas, this purchase is critical to ensuring compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Consent Decree, which mandates the City to clean, inspect, and replace sections of its sewer system within a designated timeframe; and

Whereas, the Environmental Finance Centers (EFC) of the United States Environmental Protection Agency has approved the purchase of the Combination Sewer Truck, with substantial financial support to cover 96.64% of the total cost; and

Whereas, funding for this purchase is available through (1) State Aid Sewer Capital (H8120.203 C956 via H3990 C956) for \$561,226.21, and (2) Equipment Sewers (A8120.203) for \$19,514.48, thereby minimizing the financial impact on the City; and

Whereas, the procurement of this apparatus will be conducted through a Sourcewell Contract, a cooperative purchasing agreement that streamlines the acquisition process by utilizing pre-negotiated pricing and contract terms; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Purchase. The City Council authorizes purchasing one (1) Combination Sewer Truck, equipped with both vacuum and high-pressure jetting capabilities, to support the ongoing sewer maintenance operations of the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 2. Funding. The total cost of the Combination Sewer Truck and associated procurement expenses is \$580,740.69, with funding allocated as follows: (a) \$561,226.21 from H8120.203 C956 via H3990 C956 (State Aid Sewer Capital); (b) \$19,514.48 from A8120.203 (Equipment Sewers).

Section 3. Procurement Method. The purchase shall be conducted through a Sourcewell Contract, ensuring cost efficiency and compliance with applicable procurement regulations.

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Section 4. Justification. The acquisition of the Combination Sewer Truck is necessary to prevent sewer blockages, reduce emergency repairs, and improve the overall efficiency of the City's aging sewer infrastructure. The new apparatus will also allow the City to perform required sewer maintenance in-house, reducing reliance on external contractors and ensuring compliance with regulatory obligations.

Section 5. Maintenance and Longevity. The Combination Sewer Truck is designed for rigorous daily operations and is expected to have a useful life of 10-15 years with proper maintenance. To maximize efficiency and longevity, a preventative maintenance schedule shall be implemented in collaboration with the Garage Superintendent.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 2/26/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Cathleen Gleason

Councilperson

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President

ATTEST:

Nicole Bonilla

Deputy City Clerk

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Date

By

Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD
OF A CONTRACT FOR THE EDISON AVENUE
PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT –
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION (CONTRACT 12222024)**

Whereas, by letter dated February 4, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing the award of Contract 12222024 for the Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project - General Construction to InterContracting for \$847,500; and

Whereas, the Edison Avenue Pump Station collects wastewater from five properties, primarily industrial businesses; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is required under a Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and the Department of Justice (Case 7:18-cv-05845-CS) to upgrade the pump station to prevent illicit discharges into the Bronx and Hutchinson Rivers; and

Whereas, historic sanitary sewer overflows have discharged into the storm sewer system, ultimately affecting the Hutchinson River, necessitating critical upgrades to the pump station, including the elevation of pump station controls and emergency generators above the 100-year floodplain; and

Whereas, the City publicly advertised a bid for the general construction contract for the Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project on January 2, 2025; and

Whereas, two bids were received on January 27, 2025, in response to the advertisement, with InterContracting submitting the lowest responsible bid for \$847,500; and

Whereas, the City's consulting engineer, Arcadis of New York Inc., has reviewed the bids, checked references, and confirmed that the qualifications of the bidder meet the technical specifications and requirements of the project; and

Whereas, this project is eligible for funding through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City to move forward with this project promptly to ensure compliance with the Consent Decree, avoid potential civil and stipulated penalties, and enhance the functionality and safety of the City's wastewater infrastructure; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the award of Contract 12222024 for the Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project - General Construction to InterContracting for \$847,500.

Section 2. Authorization to Enter into Contract. The Mayor or designee is authorized to execute all necessary agreements, contracts, and documents in connection with this project, subject to the review and approval of the Corporation Counsel.

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Section 3. Allocation of Funds. This project is eligible for funding through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant H8120.203 C958 EQUIP and H3990 C958 State Aid Sewer Capital. The City Comptroller is authorized to allocate the necessary funds for this project, including any available grants and financial assistance from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 4. Implementation. The Department of Public Works shall oversee the implementation and completion of the project under the contract's terms and conditions and the Consent Decree's requirements.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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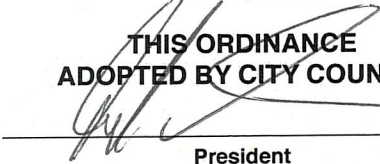
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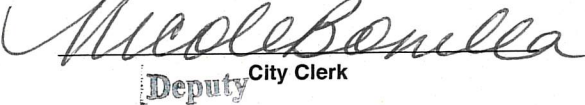


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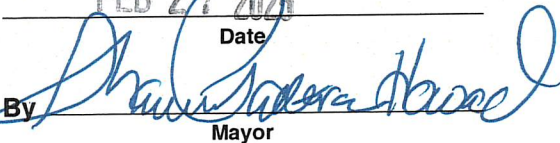
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD
OF A CONTRACT FOR THE EDISON AVENUE
PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT – EQUIPMENT
PROCUREMENT (CONTRACT 12232024)**

Whereas, by letter dated February 4, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing the award of Contract 12232024 for the Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project – Equipment Procurement to Mace Contracting, for \$475,000; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon (the “City”) operates the Edison Avenue Pump Station, which collects wastewater from five properties, primarily industrial businesses; and

Whereas, the City is required to upgrade the Edison Avenue Pump Station pursuant to a Consent Decree entered into by the City, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and the Department of Justice, addressing illicit discharges to the Bronx and Hutchinson Rivers (Case 7:18-cv-05845-CS); and

Whereas, these upgrades are necessary to mitigate historic sanitary sewer overflows that discharged into the storm sewer system and ultimately into the Hutchinson River, to raise pump station controls and emergency generators above the 100-year flood plain; and

Whereas, the Consent Decree mandates that the required upgrades must be completed by June 30, 2025, and failure to meet this deadline may subject the City to civil and stipulated penalties; and

Whereas, the City publicly advertised for bids on January 2, 2025, for the procurement of equipment required for the upgrades, including two submersible pumps with controls, a standby generator, a new manhole inline grinder, and a platform to elevate the generator and electrical controls; and

Whereas, one bid was received on January 27, 2025, in response to the advertisement, with Mace Contracting being the apparent lowest responsible bidder with a total bid amount of \$475,000; and

Whereas, the City’s consulting engineer, Arcadis of New York Inc., has reviewed the bid, checked references, and confirmed that Mace Contracting meets the minimum technical requirements and qualifications specified in the bid documents; and

Whereas, the project is eligible for funding through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant; and

Whereas, awarding this contract promptly is essential to ensure compliance with the Consent Decree and to secure available state funding; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Award Contract. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or the designated official to enter into an agreement with Mace Contracting for the procurement of equipment for the Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project – Equipment Procurement (Contract 12232024) in the amount of \$475,000.

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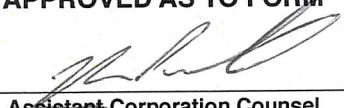
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Section 2. Funding. This project is eligible for funding through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant H8120.203 C957 EQUIP and H3990 C957 State Aid Sewer.

Section 3. Implementation. The City's Department of Public Works and other relevant departments are directed to take all necessary actions to ensure the proper procurement, installation, and compliance with the requirements outlined in the Consent Decree.

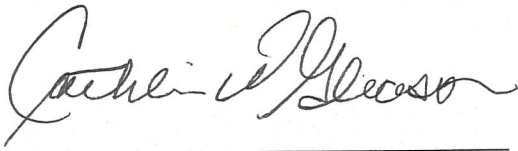
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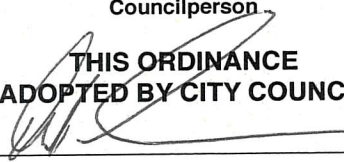
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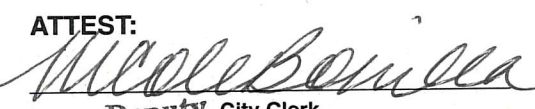
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Deputy

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Councilperson
**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**


President
ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED
FEB 27 2025

Date
By 

Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TWELVE (12)
MONTH LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO
MR. MIGUEL WOLFE FROM HIS PERMANENT
POSITION AS AN OFFICE ASSISTANT TO
SERVE AS A BUILDING CLERK WITHIN
THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, in a letter dated February 27, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings formally requested the authorization of a twelve (12) month leave of absence for Mr. Miguel Wolfe from his permanent position as an Office Assistant, effective from March 3, 2025, through March 3, 2026; and

Whereas, Mr. Miguel Wolfe is currently employed as an Office Assistant with the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, Mr. Wolfe has demonstrated extensive knowledge and expertise in the permitting process, procedures, and the unified solar application process; and

Whereas, the Department of Buildings has identified the need for Mr. Wolfe to assume the position of Building Clerk to enhance its operational efficiency and public service capabilities; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to facilitate this transition while preserving Mr. Wolfe's permanent status as an Office Assistant; and

Whereas, Mr. Wolfe has requested a twelve (12) month leave of absence from his permanent position as an Office Assistant, effective March 3, 2025, through March 3, 2026, to fulfill the duties of the Building Clerk position; and

Whereas, the City Council finds it appropriate and necessary to grant the requested leave of absence to support the needs of the 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. Grant of Leave of Absence. The City of Mount Vernon hereby grants Mr. Miguel Wolfe a leave of absence from his permanent position as an Office Assistant for twelve (12) months, commencing on March 3, 2025, and concluding on March 3, 2026.

Section 2. Appointment to Building Clerk Position. During the leave of absence, Mr. Wolfe shall serve as a Building Clerk within the Department of Buildings, performing all duties and responsibilities assigned to this position.


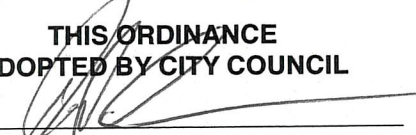
Section 3. Retention of Permanent Status. Upon expiration of the leave of absence, Mr. Wolfe shall have the right to return to his permanent position as an Office Assistant without loss of seniority, benefits, or any accrued rights.

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

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Assistant Corporation Counsel
Deputy

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Councilperson

President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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Date


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Vote Taken As Follows: 2/26/2025
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Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

**AN ORDINANCE TO RATIFY AND APPROVE
THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
MOUNT VERNON AND THE UNIFORMED
FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 107, IAFF, AFL-CIO**

Whereas, in a letter dated February 20, 2025, the Mayor has requested the enactment of legislation to authorize, ratify, and approve the contract between the City and the Union, including the agreed-upon wage increases and other negotiated provisions; and

Whereas, the Uniformed Firefighters' Association of the City of Mount Vernon, Local 107, IAFF, AFL-CIO (the "Union") represents the City's uniformed firefighters; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") and the Union have engaged in negotiations and reached an agreement regarding terms and conditions of employment, including wage increases and other provisions; and

Whereas, the last collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Union was outdated, necessitating an updated contract that reflects the mutual agreement of both parties; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon finds it to be in the best interest of the City and its firefighters to approve and ratify the new contract; and

Whereas, the wage increases agreed upon between the City and the Union are as follows:

1. Effective January 1, 2022, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased retroactively by one percent (1%).
2. Effective January 1, 2023, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased retroactively by one percent (1%).
3. Effective January 1, 2024, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased retroactively by two percent (2%).
4. Effective January 1, 2025, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased retroactively by two percent (2%).
5. Effective January 1, 2026, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased by three percent (3%).
6. Effective January 1, 2027, all bargaining unit members' salaries shall be increased by three percent (3%).

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained, the City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Ratification and Approval. The contract between the City and the Union, including the wage increases and other negotiated provisions, is hereby ratified and approved.

Section 2. Implementation. The Mayor and any necessary City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate steps to execute and implement the terms of the contract.


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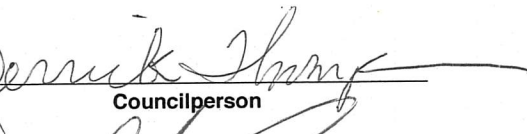
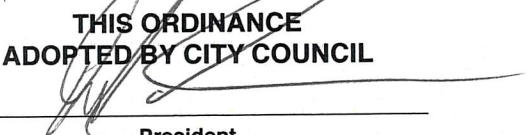
Section 3. Retroactive Payments. The City Comptroller is authorized to process any retroactive salary payments as provided in the contract terms.

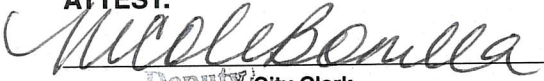
Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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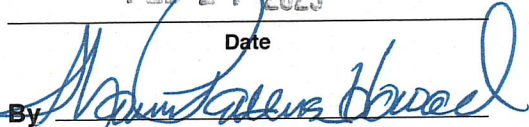

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President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

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Date

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Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MRB|GROUP,
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYING D.P.C.**

Whereas, by letter dated February 14, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Assessment has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with MRB|group, Engineering, Architecture, Surveying D.P.C., for the provision of engineering and related professional services for the period commencing January 2, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon desires to renew its professional services agreement with MRB|group, Engineering, Architecture, Surveying D.P.C. for engineering and related services; and

Whereas, the cost of services under this agreement shall be Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$22,100.00), payable in thirteen (13) equal installments of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,700.00) every four weeks; and

Whereas, there are available funds in budget line A1355-204 to cover the costs associated with this agreement; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the City of Mount Vernon to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement to ensure the continuity of essential engineering and surveying services; **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 of the City of Mount Vernon, Shawyn Patterson-Howard, is hereby authorized to execute the contract with MRB|group, Engineering, Architecture, Surveying D.P.C., for the provision of engineering and related professional services for the period commencing January 2, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.

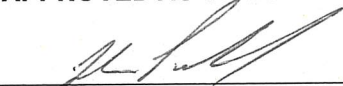
Section 2. Contract Amount. The contract amount shall be Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$22,100.00), to be paid in thirteen (13) equal installments of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,700.00) every four weeks.

Section 3. Funding. The expenditure for this contract shall be charged to budget line A1355-204.

Section 4. Implementation. The Mayor, Comptroller, and other appropriate City officials are authorized to take any necessary actions to implement this ordinance.

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

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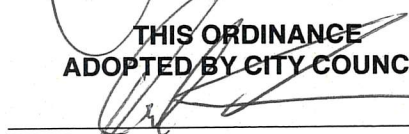
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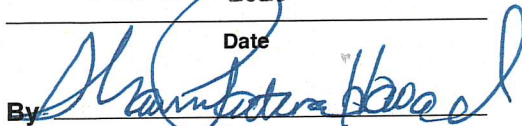
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Deputy City Clerk

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By _____
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 2/26/2025

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Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

FEB 26 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO RENAME 4TH STREET PARK
AS "GUS 'THE WIZARD' WILLIAMS PARK"

Whereas, in a letter dated February 24, 2025, the City Councilman requested legislation to authorize the official renaming of 4th Street Park, located at 53-69 West 4th Street, Mount Vernon, NY, to "Gus 'The Wizard' Williams Park."; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to the community and beyond; and

Whereas, Gus "The Wizard" Williams, born on October 10, 1953, in Mount Vernon, New York, is a distinguished professional basketball player who has brought pride and inspiration to the residents of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, Mr. Williams honed his skills at Mount Vernon High School, leading the team to a state championship in 1971, and went on to have a celebrated professional career in basketball, earning multiple accolades and demonstrating exceptional leadership, skill, and sportsmanship; and

Whereas, 4th Street Park has a rich basketball heritage, serving as a nurturing ground for athletes, attracting scouts from major colleges, and fostering the development of numerous talented players, including Gus Williams; and

Whereas, renaming 4th Street Park as "Gus 'The Wizard' Williams Park" would serve as a fitting tribute to his legacy and an enduring source of pride and inspiration for the community; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to commemorate Mr. Williams' achievements by holding a renaming plaque ceremony at the park with the presence of local, County, and State officials, as well as media coverage and community engagement; **Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained**

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

Section 1. Renaming of 4th Street Park. The park currently known as 4th Street Park, located at 53-69 West 4th Street, Mount Vernon, NY, shall be officially renamed "Gus 'The Wizard' Williams Park."

Section 2. Installation of Signage and Plaque. The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to install appropriate signage reflecting the new name of the park. A commemorative plaque detailing Gus Williams' contribution shall also be placed within the park.

Section 3. Ceremonial Event. A formal renaming plaque ceremony shall be organized by the City of Mount Vernon, with invitations extended to local, County, and State officials, members of the community, and media representatives. The event shall be announced through social media and news outlets to ensure maximum community participation.

Section 4. Traffic and Safety Measures. The Mount Vernon Auxiliary Police shall be assigned to provide traffic control and ensure the safety of all participants during the renaming ceremony.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the City Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

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Vote Taken As Follows: 2/26/2025
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY APPOINTING
CONSTANCE GERRIE POST TO THE MOUNT
VERNON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of economic development in fostering growth, job creation, and overall prosperity within the community; and

Whereas, the City Council seeks to establish and appoint members to the Economic Development Task Force to support and advance strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing economic opportunities within the City; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Task Force will serve as an advisory body to the City Council, providing recommendations and insights to promote sustainable economic development; and

Whereas, Constance Gerrie Post, a resident of the City of Mount Vernon, has demonstrated commitment and expertise in economic development and community engagement; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to appoint Constance Gerrie Post as a member of the Economic Development Task Force for a term of two (2) years, commencing on February 26, 2025, and expiring on February 25, 2027; **Now, Therefore, Be it**

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, as follows:

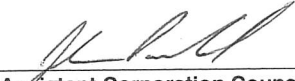
Section 1. Appointment. The City Council authorizes the appointment of Constance Gerrie Post to the Economic Development Task Force to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters related to economic development.

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities. As a member of the Economic Development Task Force, Constance Gerrie Post shall serve as a member of the Mount Vernon Economic Development Task Force for a term of two (2) years, commencing on February 26, 2025, and expiring on February 25, 2027, and shall actively participate in the development and implementation of strategies to promote economic growth, support local businesses, and enhance the economic well-being of the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Clerk is directed to notify Constance Gerrie Post of her appointment and to take all necessary actions to effectuate this resolution.

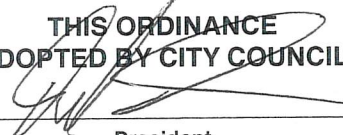
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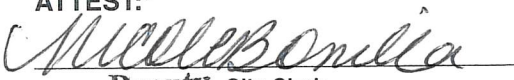
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Mayor

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Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, PROVIDING FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO
THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of economic development initiatives in fostering sustainable growth, creating job opportunities, and enhancing the quality of life for its residents; and

Whereas, the establishment of an Economic Development Task Force will facilitate collaboration among key stakeholders to develop policies, strategies, and initiatives aimed at advancing economic prosperity within the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the City Council is committed to appointing qualified members to the Economic Development Task Force to ensure the effective planning and implementation of economic development programs; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to appoint members of the City Council to serve on the Economic Development Task Force to provide leadership, oversight, and guidance in its activities; **Now, Therefore, Be it**

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Economic Development Task Force. The Economic Development Task Force is hereby established to advise and assist in the development and implementation of policies and initiatives that promote economic growth within the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 2. Appointment of Members. The following members of the City Council are hereby appointed to serve on the Economic Development Task Force for the terms specified below:

1. **Council President Danielle Browne** – City Council Member
 - o Term: One (1) year, commencing on February 26, 2025, and expiring on February 25, 2026.
2. **Pro Tem Councilman Edward Poteat** – City Council Member
 - o Term: Two (2) years, commencing on February 26, 2025, and expiring on February 25, 2027.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities. The Economic Development Task Force shall:

- Advise the City Council on matters related to economic growth and business development.
- Develop recommendations for policies, programs, and initiatives that foster a vibrant local economy.
- Engage with businesses, community leaders, and stakeholders to promote economic opportunities.
- Report periodically to the City Council on progress and developments in economic initiatives.

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

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Councilperson


President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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By _____ Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 2/26/2025
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Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, APPOINTING
R. THOMAS UMSTEAD TO THE
CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Whereas, Chapter 12, Section 12-4 of the Mount Vernon City Code provides for the appointment of members of the Cable Television Advisory Committee by the City Council; and

Whereas, the Cable Television Advisory Committee plays a vital role in advising the City Council on matters related to cable television services, ensuring the community's needs and concerns are effectively addressed; and

Whereas, R. Thomas Umstead has demonstrated expertise and commitment in the field of media and telecommunications and is well-qualified to serve as a member of the Cable Television Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the residents of Mount Vernon to appoint R. Thomas Umstead to the Cable Television Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years; Now, Therefore, Be it

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, as follows:


Section 1. Appointment. The City Council hereby appoints R. Thomas Umstead as a member of the Cable Television Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years, commencing on February 26, 2025, and expiring on February 25, 2027.

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities. R. Thomas Umstead shall serve in accordance with Chapter 12, Section 12-4 of the Mount Vernon City Code, actively participating in committee meetings, advising on cable television issues, and providing recommendations to the City Council.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Council.

Vote Taken As Follows: 2/26/2025
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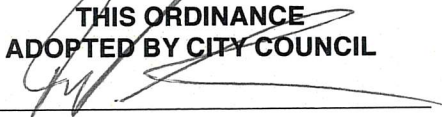
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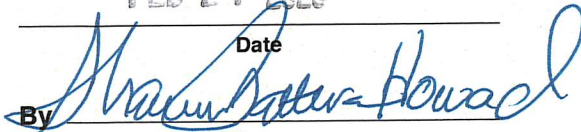
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