

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

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## **Referral Packet - Final**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

### **City Council**

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA  
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD  
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026.**

**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: Derrick Thompson, President

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

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Derrick Thompson 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 Thompson explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. He 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 Nicole Bonilla

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

**To the Council:**

**LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) International Food Festival

**Code:** HR

**Attachments:** [2026 ABICA Food Festival Referral Letter](#)  
[Support Letter OEM Auxiliary Police Unit -](#)  
[ABICA International Food Festival](#)  
[FD ABICA International Food Festival](#)

2. City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Attendance of Councilmembers Cynthia Turnquest-Jones and André Wallace at the Annual Meeting of the New York Conference of Mayors - (May 13 through the 15, 2026)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [NYCOM Annual Meeting 2026 Referral ltr](#)

3. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Honoring Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Mayor for Women's History 2026](#)

4. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Honoring Tiffany Haddish

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Tiffany Haddish Women's History 2026](#)

5. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Honoring Melba Wilson

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Melba Wilson Women's History 2026](#)

6. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Honoring Renee Neufville

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Renee Neufville Women's History 2026](#)

**To the Council:**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**To the Council:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

7. Office of Emergency Management: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Referral Letter Request for Authorization for the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with FEMA IPAWS Program](#)

**To the Council:**

### **FINANCE AND PLANNING**

8. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Honoring Maureen Walker

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Maureen Walker 3.24.2026](#)

9. Department of Planning and Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Travel of the Planning Commissioner to Attend the 2026 American Planning Association National Conference - (April 24 - April 28, 2026)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Commissioner Rausse APA National Conference Travel Authorization Referral Letter 012726](#)  
[APA National Planning Conference Registration](#)  
[Austerity Rausse- BOE to CC](#)

### **ADD-ON**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

10. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing the Immediate Repair and Motor Replacement of Fire Department Engine Company 206

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [MYR\\_Emergency Declaration\\_Engine 206](#)

11. Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds for the Repair of Fire Truck Engine 206 - (COMP2026-4)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Comp2026-4 Transfer](#)

12. Fire Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Replacement of the Motor in Fire Department Engine Company 206

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Agenda Letter- Pierce Engine 206](#)

[Blackrock Quote E206](#)

[RFB-WC-24016 EXP 02-28-2027](#)

### **FINANCE AND PLANNING**

13. Comptroller: An Ordinance Fixing the County and Special District Tax Rate, Levying Said Tax and Confirming the County and Special District Taxes for the Year 2026 and Ordering the Issuance of a Warrant Therefore

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [2026 County Taxes](#)

### **OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**



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### City Council:

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (ABICA) INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated February 11, 2026, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation formally requested authorization to co-sponsor the ABICA International Food Festival at Hartley Park on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and on the fourth Saturday in May annually thereafter; and

**Whereas**, the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) is a community-based organization composed of Mount Vernon residents of Antiguan and Barbudan heritage, dedicated to promoting cultural and educational events that strengthen the community; and

**Whereas**, ABICA has requested that the City of Mount Vernon, through its Department of Recreation, co-sponsor the ABICA International Food Festival to be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and subsequently on the fourth Saturday of May each year; and

**Whereas**, the event will take place at Hartley Park and is intended to celebrate cultural heritage while providing opportunities for local food and craft vendors; and

**Whereas**, ABICA has requested authorization to use Hartley Park from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day of the event, including set-up and clean-up times, at no cost to the City; and

**Whereas**, ABICA will be responsible for the cost of Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) or Auxiliary Officers, vendor permits, and any necessary fire inspections by the Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD) for vendors using grills, propane, or other open flames; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Recreation will be responsible for general cleanup of the park following the event;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Event.** The City of Mount Vernon, through its Department of Recreation, is hereby authorized to co-sponsor the ABICA International Food Festival at Hartley Park on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and on the fourth Saturday in May annually thereafter.

**Section 2. Use of Park.** The Department of Recreation is authorized to provide ABICA the

use of Hartley Park from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., which shall include:

1. **Set-Up:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon;
2. **Event Time:** 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.;
3. **Clean-Up:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The use of Hartley Park for this purpose shall be at no cost to the City.

### **Section 3. Public Safety and Vendor Regulations.**

1. ABICA shall be responsible for the cost of providing MVPD or Auxiliary Officers for the event.
2. All vendors shall obtain a one-day vendor permit through the ABICA vendor package.
3. Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD):
  - All fire extinguishers appropriate to the type of cooking equipment shall be inspected prior to the event. Any vendor utilizing propane, grills, or open flames must obtain a pre-event inspection from the Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD).
  - The MVFD shall conduct mandatory pre-event safety inspections for all vendors using propane, grills, or open flames.
  - All food trucks participating in the event must be inspected and approved no later than May 16, 2026, in accordance with the Fire Department of Mount Vernon (FDMV) Mobile Food Preparation Safety requirements.
  - All vendors shall comply with applicable fire safety regulations and standards.
  - Vendors are required to contact the Fire Prevention Office at (914) 665-2611 to schedule inspections at least one (1) week prior to the event to ensure timely compliance and a safe event environment.

**Section 4. Cleanup.** The Department of Recreation shall be responsible for all post-event cleanup to restore Hartley Park to its original condition.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
*Mayor*

City Hall, One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
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**KATHLEEN WALKER-PINCKNEY**  
*Commissioner*  
**ANDRÉ G. EARLY**  
*Deputy Commissioner*

February 11, 2026

Honorable Members of the City Council  
Through the Office of the Mayor  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**Re: ABICA - International Food Festival**

Dear Honorable Council Members:

This letter requests that the city enact legislation allowing the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) International Food Festival on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and the 4th Saturday in the month of May, annually.

ABICA is a community-based organization comprised of many Mt. Vernon residents of Antiguan and Barbadian heritage with the mission to promote and uplift our community through cultural and educational events.

The International Food Festival will take place in Hartley Park and ABICA respectfully requests the following partnership provisions from the City:

- Authorization to utilize Hartley Park; the cost of the park is the co-sponsorship with the Department of Recreation from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (8 am-12 noon to Set-up), 12 noon-7 pm (Event time), 7 pm-8pm (Clean-up) - This event will be at no cost to the city;
- We request the use of MVPD/Auxiliary Officers - the cost of which is the responsibility of ABICA.

Vendor spaces will be made available to local food and craft merchants on a predetermined basis. All Vendors must submit a One-day vendor permit application, which will be included in ABICA’s vendor package. In addition, all vendors using propane, grills, or fire of any nature will be required to have a pre-inspection from the MVFD.

The Department of Recreation will be responsible for all clean up.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

André G. Early, Deputy Commissioner

cc: Kathleen Walker-Pinckney, Commissioner  
Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor

*“The Jewel of Westchester”*



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD  
Mayor

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MICHAEL A. MONTES  
Director

**VIA LEGISTAR DELIVERY**

Honorable City Council  
City Hall - 1 Roosevelt Square West  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
*(Through the Office of the Mayor)*

Re: Office of Emergency Management Support – Auxiliary Police Assistance ABICA International Food Festival – Hartley Park

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

The Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management respectfully submits this letter in support of the Department of Recreation’s request to provide Auxiliary Police personnel assistance during the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) International Food Festival, scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Hartley Park.

This community-centered cultural event celebrates the rich heritage of Antiguan and Barbudan residents within the City of Mount Vernon and will bring together families, residents, and visitors through cultural programming, food vendors, and community engagement activities. The event is scheduled to operate between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM, including event setup, public programming, and breakdown.

To support the safety and orderly coordination of this large public gathering, the Office of Emergency Management recommends the deployment of Mount Vernon Auxiliary Police personnel to assist with event support functions, including:

- Crowd management and situational awareness
- Public safety presence within the park
- Coordination support with Mount Vernon Police Department and event organizers
- Assistance with pedestrian flow and event logistics

The Auxiliary Police Unit serves as a valuable public safety partner that enhances the City’s capacity during community events, festivals, and emergency operations. Their presence helps promote a safe and welcoming environment for residents and visitors while supporting the overall coordination between city departments.

The Office of Emergency Management fully supports this request and stands ready to work collaboratively with the Department of Recreation, the Mount Vernon Police Department, and event organizers to ensure the successful and safe execution of this cultural celebration.

Thank you for your continued support of community events that strengthen cultural appreciation, unity, and engagement within the City of Mount Vernon.

Respectfully endorsed and submitted,

**Michael A. Montes**  
Director



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
*Mayor*

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Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
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**Kevin B. Holt**  
*Fire Commissioner*  
**Theodore W. Beale Jr.**  
*Deputy Fire Commissioner*  
**Juan A. Peralta**  
*Chief of Operations*

Honorable City Council  
City Hall - 1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

*Through the Office of the Mayor*

March 10, 2026

Re: ABICA International Food Festival – Hartley Park

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The City of Mount Vernon Fire Department sincerely supports the Antigua and Barbuda International Food Festival, recognizing its importance to our community and wishing to contribute to its success.

Food trucks to be featured at the event shall have been inspected prior to the event date, specifically by May 16, 2026, and all required inspections completed to meet safety standards.  
FDMV Mobile Food Preparation Safety

The proper fire extinguishers for the cooking type shall also be inspected before the event.  
International

The vendor can contact our Fire Prevention Bureau at 914-665-2611 to easily schedule safety inspections, ensuring a smooth process and peace of mind for all involved.

Respectfully submitted:

Theodore Beale, Jr  
Deputy Fire Commissioner

Attached  
FDMV Mobile Food Preparation Safety  
NFPA 704 – Placard and Label requirements

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### City Council:

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILMEMBERS CYNTHIA TURNQUEST-JONES AND ANDRÉ WALLACE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF MAYORS**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated March 23, 2026, the Legislative Assistant to the City Council formally requested authorization for Councilmembers Cynthia Turnquest-Jones and André Wallace to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting of the New York Conference of Mayors to be held from May 13 through May 15, 2026, at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing; and

**Whereas**, the New York Conference of Mayors hosts an Annual Meeting that brings together municipal officials from across the State of New York to discuss matters of municipal governance, legislation, and public policy affecting local governments; and

**Whereas**, attendance at this conference will provide Councilmembers with the opportunity to engage with elected officials from municipalities throughout the State and beyond, including legislative representatives, while gaining valuable insight into government operations, policy initiatives, and emerging legislation that may affect or benefit the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, Councilmembers Cynthia Turnquest-Jones and André Wallace have requested authorization from the City Council to attend the conference in order to further their knowledge and understanding of issues impacting municipalities and to represent the interests of the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, all costs associated with attendance at the conference, including registration, travel, lodging, and any related expenses, will be fully paid by the attending Councilmembers and shall not be borne by the City of Mount Vernon, thereby resulting in no financial impact to the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization to Attend Conference.** The City Council hereby authorizes Councilmembers Cynthia Turnquest-Jones and André Wallace to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting of the New York Conference of Mayors to be held from May 13 through May 15, 2026, at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing.

**Section 2. Purpose of Attendance.** The purpose of attending the conference is to participate in professional development sessions, engage with municipal officials and legislative representatives, and obtain information and resources relating to municipal governance, legislative

developments, and best practices that may benefit the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 3. No Fiscal Impact.** All costs associated with attendance at the conference shall be the sole responsibility of the attending Councilmembers. The City of Mount Vernon shall incur no costs or financial obligations related to such attendance.

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



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**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Derrick Thompson, President  
Jaevon Boxhill  
Cathlin B. Gleason  
Cynthia Turnquest - Jones  
André Wallace

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March 23, 2026

Honorable City Council Members  
City Of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: Requesting Permission for Councilmembers Cynthia Turnquest-Jones and André Wallace to Attend NYCOM's Annual Meeting (May 13 through the 15th 2026)

Dear Honorable Body,

This letter comes to respectfully request that City Council approve the request for Councilmembers Cynthia Turnquest-Jones and André Wallace to attend the NYCOM's Annual Meeting (May 13 through the 15th 2026), The Sagamore in Bolton Landing, NY.

The Conference offers an opportunity to engage with elected officials from across the State and beyond, including legislative representatives, while gaining valuable information on government operations and emerging legislation that may affect or benefit our City. All costs associated with attendance will be fully covered by each Councilmember, with no financial impact to the City.

The Annual Meeting tentative agenda – [Link](#)

If this meets with the City Council's approval, I ask that the necessary legislation be enacted to reflect this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Legislative Assistant to the  
Mount Vernon City Council



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### City Council:

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY, HONORING MAYOR SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**

**Whereas**, Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service, community empowerment, and effective leadership in her role as Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, throughout her distinguished career, Mayor Patterson-Howard has worked diligently to uplift residents, strengthen neighborhoods, and advocate for equitable access to resources, opportunities, and essential services for all members of the community; and

**Whereas**, her administration has been defined by a strong dedication to transparency, accountability, and inclusive community engagement, fostering trust and meaningful collaboration between local government and the residents it serves; and

**Whereas**, Mayor Patterson-Howard's personal and professional accomplishments reflect resilience, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all who call Mount Vernon home; and

**Whereas**, she serves as an inspiring role model for women and emerging leaders, exemplifying the values of service, perseverance, and leadership, particularly during the observance of Women's History Month; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard in recognition of her outstanding leadership, dedicated public service, and significant contributions to the community; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this recognition is presented during Women's History Month at the Social Butterfly event in appreciation of her continued commitment to the City of Mount Vernon and its residents; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the City Council and a suitably engrossed copy be presented to Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard as a token of the City's esteem and gratitude.

CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT VERNON



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to public service, community empowerment, and effective leadership as Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career in public service, she has worked tirelessly to uplift residents, strengthen neighborhoods, and advocate for equitable access to resources, opportunities, and essential services; and

WHEREAS, her leadership has been marked by a dedication to transparency, accountability, and community engagement, fostering meaningful connections between government and the people it serves; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Patterson-Howard’s personal achievements reflect her resilience, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, she continues to serve as a role model for women and young leaders, inspiring future generations through her example of service, determination, and integrity; and  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors MAYOR SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD during Women’s History Month for her outstanding leadership, community service, and personal achievements; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this recognition is presented at the Social Butterfly event in celebration of her continued dedication to the City of Mount Vernon and its residents.

*(A) - S. Boxhill*

Councilperson

*Catherine Gleason*

Councilperson

*Johnnie Sue West-Thomas*

Councilperson

*AJH*

Councilperson

*Derrick Thompson*

City Council President

Authenticated this 19th day of MARCH, 2026

*Nicole Bonilla*

City Clerk



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### City Council:

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, HONORING TIFFANY HADDISH**

**Whereas**, Tiffany Haddish is an Emmy and Grammy Award-winning actress, comedian, author, and philanthropist whose journey from foster care to international acclaim exemplifies resilience, authenticity, and purpose; and

**Whereas**, she achieved global recognition through her breakout role in *Girls Trip* and made history as the first Black female stand-up comedian to host *Saturday Night Live*, earning widespread acclaim for her talent, originality, and influence in the entertainment industry; and

**Whereas**, through her nonprofit organization, the She Ready Foundation, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to youth empowerment by supporting children in the foster care system with essential resources, mentorship, and opportunities for success; and

**Whereas**, her impact extends beyond entertainment into meaningful humanitarian efforts, using her voice and platform to raise awareness about trauma, mental health, and the challenges facing underserved communities; and

**Whereas**, Tiffany Haddish continues to inspire individuals across the nation, particularly women and young people, through her perseverance, generosity, and dedication to uplifting others; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors Tiffany Haddish during Women's History Month in recognition of her outstanding achievements, cultural impact, and commitment to service; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this recognition is presented at the Social Butterfly event in celebration of her enduring influence and her dedication to empowering others beyond the world of entertainment; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this recognition is presented during Women's History Month at the Social Butterfly event in appreciation of her continued commitment to the City of Mount Vernon and its residents; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the City Council and that a suitably engrossed copy be presented as a symbol of the City's appreciation and esteem.

CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT VERNON



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, TIFFANY HADDISH is an Emmy and Grammy Award-winning actress, comedian, author, and philanthropist whose journey from foster care to international acclaim reflects resilience, authenticity, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, she rose to global recognition through her breakout role in Girls Trip, and from being the first Black female stand-up comedian to host Saturday Night Live, earning widespread praise for her talent and influence in entertainment; and

WHEREAS, through her nonprofit, the SHE READY FOUNDATION, she advocates for youth empowerment by supporting children in the foster care system with resources, mentorship, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, her impact extends beyond entertainment into humanitarian efforts, using her platform to highlight trauma and mental health challenges in our communities; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors TIFFANY HADDISH during Women’s History Month for her outstanding achievements and commitment to service; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this recognition is presented at the Social Butterfly event in celebration of her enduring influence and dedication to empowering others beyond entertainment.

*(A) - S. Boxhill*

Councilperson

*Cathleen Gleason*

Councilperson

*Johnnie L. West*

Councilperson

*AP*

Councilperson

*Derrick Thompson*

City Council President

Authenticated this 24th day of MARCH, 2026

*Nicole Bonilla*

City Clerk



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### City Council:

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, HONORING MELBA WILSON**

**Whereas**, Melba Wilson is a renowned restaurateur, entrepreneur, and cultural ambassador, and the founder of Melba's Restaurant, a celebrated Harlem institution, as well as Melba's Grand Central; and

**Whereas**, as a proud Harlem native, she has created welcoming spaces where culinary excellence, culture, and community converge, honoring and preserving the rich traditions of Southern comfort cuisine; and

**Whereas**, her leadership and entrepreneurial success have earned national recognition while uplifting her community through job creation, mentorship, and local engagement; and

**Whereas**, her restaurants have attracted celebrities and dignitaries from around the world, and she remains deeply committed to empowering others, serving as a mentor to aspiring entrepreneurs and chefs while advancing community development and preserving cultural heritage through her work; and

**Whereas**, Melba Wilson's work continues to celebrate cultural heritage and inspire future generations through her dedication, vision, and service; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors MELBA WILSON during Women's History Month for her outstanding contributions to business, culture, and community; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this recognition is presented at the Social Butterfly event in celebration of her lasting impact, leadership, and dedication to empowering others.

# CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT VERNON



# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, MELBA WILSON is a renowned restaurateur, entrepreneur, and cultural ambassador, and founder of Melba's Restaurant, a celebrated Harlem institution and the recent expansion Melba's Grand Central; and

WHEREAS, as a Harlem native, she has created a space where culinary excellence, culture, and community converge, honoring the legacy of Southern comfort cuisine; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and entrepreneurial success have earned national recognition while uplifting her community through job creation, mentorship, and local engagement; and

WHEREAS, her restaurants have attracted celebrities and dignitaries from around the world. She remains deeply committed to empowering others, serving as a mentor to aspiring entrepreneurs and chefs while advancing community development and preserving cultural heritage through her work; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors MELBA WILSON during Women's History Month for her contributions to business, culture, and community; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this recognition is presented at the Social Butterfly event in celebration of her lasting impact and leadership.

Councilperson

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City Council President

Authenticated this **24th** day of **MARCH, 2026**

City Clerk



# City of Mount Vernon, New York

## Staff Report

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Agenda Date: 4/8/2026

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### City Council:

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK HONORING RENEE NEUFVILLE**

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon, New York, proudly comes together to honor Renee Neufville, an accomplished singer, songwriter, and performer, best known as one-half of the iconic R&B duo Zhané; and

**Whereas**, through her artistry, she helped shape and define the sound of 1990s R&B with timeless hits such as “*Hey Mr. D.J.*” and “*Sending My Love*,” reflecting musical excellence, style, and sophistication; and

**Whereas**, a classically trained musician, Ms. Neufville has also achieved distinction in the world of jazz, touring extensively with the acclaimed Roy Hargrove’s RH Factor and demonstrating remarkable versatility across genres; and

**Whereas**, she is widely recognized as a pioneer of the neo-soul and contemporary R&B movements of the 1990s and 2000s, and her contributions-both as a member of Zhané and as a solo artist-continue to inspire and influence today’s generation of performers and producers; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors Renee Neufville during Women’s History Month in recognition of her outstanding contributions to music, culture, and the arts; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this recognition is presented at the Social Butterfly event in celebration of her enduring legacy and continued influence.

# CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT VERNON



## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, RENEE NEUFVILLE is an accomplished singer, songwriter, and performer, best known as one-half of the iconic R&B duo Zhané; and

WHEREAS, she helped define the sound of 1990s R&B with timeless hits such as “Hey Mr. D.J.” and “Sending My Love,” showcasing musical excellence and sophistication; and

WHEREAS, as a classically trained musician, she has also enjoyed a distinguished jazz career, touring extensively with acclaimed Roy Hargrove’s RH Factor; and

WHEREAS, she is recognized as a pioneer of the neo-soul and R&B movements of the 1990s and 2000s. Her contributions, both as part of Zhané and as a solo artist, continue to influence modern R&B performers and producers; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors RENEE NEUFVILLE during Women’s History Month for her contributions to music and culture; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this recognition is presented at the Social Butterfly event in celebration of her legacy and continued influence.

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### City Council:

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM (IPAWS)**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated March 11, 2026, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management formally requested authorization for the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office for participation in the IPAWS program; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, businesses, and visitors during emergency situations; and

**Whereas**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), the nation's official system for disseminating critical public alerts and warnings through multiple communication platforms; and

**Whereas**, the IPAWS system enables local governments and authorized emergency management agencies to deliver life-safety alerts through several nationwide communication channels including Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to mobile devices, the Emergency Alert System (EAS) through television and radio broadcasts, and NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management seeks authorization to integrate the City's existing interoperable emergency notification systems with FEMA's IPAWS Open Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN) in order to deliver timely, accurate, and coordinated emergency alerts to the public; and

**Whereas**, participation in the IPAWS program will allow authorized personnel within the City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management to issue alerts during emergencies including severe weather events, public safety incidents, evacuations, public health emergencies, and other life-threatening situations; and

**Whereas**, the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and the FEMA IPAWS Program Management Office authorizes the City to access and utilize the IPAWS-OPEN system for official emergency alerting purposes; and

**Whereas**, there is no financial cost to the City of Mount Vernon associated with entering into this Memorandum of Agreement, as FEMA is responsible for the development, operation, and

maintenance of the IPAWS-OPEN infrastructure, while the City will maintain its existing local systems and internet connectivity required to access the platform; and

**Whereas**, the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Commissioner of Management Services and the City Law Department, both of which have determined that the agreement is appropriate for execution and consistent with the City's operational and legal requirements; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that participation in the FEMA IPAWS program will significantly enhance the City's ability to communicate life-saving information quickly and effectively to the public during emergencies and will strengthen coordination with federal, state, and regional emergency management agencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization to Execute Agreement.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office for participation in the IPAWS program.

**Section 2. Program Participation.** The City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management is hereby authorized to utilize the FEMA IPAWS-OPEN platform in conjunction with the City's existing interoperable emergency notification systems to issue authorized emergency alerts and warnings to the public during emergency situations.

**Section 3. Operational Responsibilities.** The City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management shall ensure that authorized personnel are properly trained and certified to access and utilize the IPAWS system and shall maintain the City's local interoperable communication systems and connectivity necessary for participation in the program.

**Section 4. Cost Impact.** There shall be no direct financial cost to the City of Mount Vernon associated with this Memorandum of Agreement. FEMA shall remain responsible for the development, operation, and maintenance of the IPAWS-OPEN system.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or section directly involved in the controversy.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD  
Mayor

Emergency Operations Center  
50 West Third Street | Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
(914) 665-2391 | Email: OEM@mountvernonny.gov  
Website: www.cmvnny.com

MICHAEL A. MONTES  
Director

**VIA LEGISTAR DELIVERY**

Honorable City Council  
City Hall - 1 Roosevelt Square West  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
*(Through the Office of The Mayor)*

Dated: March 11, 2026

Re: Request for Authorization for the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).

Dear Council President and Members of the City Council,

I respectfully submit this legislation referral requesting authorization for the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office.

This agreement authorizes the City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management to utilize its existing interoperable emergency notification systems in coordination with FEMA’s IPAWS Open Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN) to issue authorized public alerts and warnings during emergency situations.

The IPAWS program is the federal government’s national system for delivering critical emergency alerts to the public through multiple communication channels including:

- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to mobile devices
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) through television and radio broadcasts
- NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards

Through this agreement, the City of Mount Vernon will integrate its existing emergency communications platform with FEMA’s IPAWS-OPEN infrastructure, allowing authorized personnel within the Office of Emergency Management to deliver timely, accurate, and coordinated life-safety alerts to residents during incidents such as severe weather events, public safety emergencies, evacuations, public health incidents, and other critical emergencies.

**Cost Impact:**

There is no cost to the City of Mount Vernon associated with this Memorandum of Agreement. FEMA is responsible for the development, operation, and maintenance of the IPAWS-OPEN system. The City’s responsibility is limited to maintaining its own local interoperable systems and internet connectivity used to access the platform.



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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
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**MICHAEL A. MONTES**  
*Director*

**Operational Benefits:**

Approval of this agreement will provide the City with several critical capabilities:

- Strengthened public alert and warning capabilities during emergencies
- Direct integration with the national FEMA IPAWS alerting infrastructure
- Enhanced interoperability with federal, state, and regional emergency management systems
- Improved ability to deliver rapid life-safety notifications to residents and visitors
- Increased situational awareness and coordinated emergency response operations

**Review and Compliance:**

This Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Commissioner of Management Services and the City Law Department, and both offices have confirmed the agreement is appropriate for execution.

**Request for Legislative Action:**

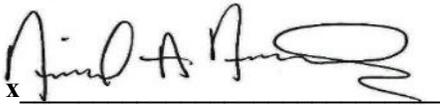
In light of the operational benefits and the absence of financial impact to the City, I respectfully request that the City Council approve legislation authorizing the Mayor to execute this Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon Office of Emergency Management and FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office.

A copy of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement is attached for your review.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to enhancing the safety, preparedness, and resilience of the residents of Mount Vernon.

Respectfully submitted,



**Michael A. Montes**  
*Director*

**Cc:** Mayor Office  
Law Department  
Comptroller  
City Clerk Office  
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### City Council:

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, HONORING MAUREEN WALKER

**Whereas**, Maureen Walker rendered exemplary public service to the City of Mount Vernon in her capacity as Comptroller, demonstrating the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility; and

**Whereas**, in 1993, Ms. Walker made history as the first woman, the first African American, and the first person of Caribbean descent elected to serve as Comptroller of the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, throughout six consecutive terms spanning twenty-four years, Ms. Walker provided steadfast leadership over the City's financial operations, including oversight of the Finance and Payroll Departments, and administration of the City's budget, tax collection, insurance, real estate, and capital financing activities; and

**Whereas**, under her prudent stewardship, the City consistently achieved budget surpluses, maintained an A1 credit rating from Moody's Investors Service, and realized a record General Fund balance of \$19 million in 2015; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Walker advanced the modernization of the City's financial systems by implementing enhanced safeguards against fraud and introducing electronic and online payment systems, thereby increasing operational efficiency and strengthening public confidence; and

**Whereas**, her distinguished legacy of excellence and dedication to the residents of Mount Vernon stands as a lasting model of outstanding public service; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard in recognition of her outstanding leadership, dedicated public service, and significant contributions to the community; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors Maureen Walker for her historic achievements and distinguished service to the City; and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council proudly recognizes the unveiling of her official portrait, to be displayed in the Comptroller's Office at City Hall, as a lasting tribute to her significant contributions and enduring legacy.

# CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT VERNON



## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Maureen Walker has rendered exemplary public service to the City of Mount Vernon as Comptroller, demonstrating integrity, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Ms. Walker made history as the first woman, first African American, and first person of Caribbean descent elected to serve as Comptroller of the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, over the course of six consecutive terms and twenty-four years, she provided strong leadership of the City's financial operations, overseeing the Finance and Payroll Departments, and managing the City's budget, tax collection, insurance, real estate, and capital project financing; and

WHEREAS, under her stewardship, the City achieved consistent budget surpluses, maintained an A1 Moody's credit rating, and reached a record General Fund balance of \$19 million in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker modernized the City's financial systems through the implementation of safeguards against fraud and the introduction of electronic and online payment systems, enhancing efficiency and public trust; and

WHEREAS, her legacy of excellence and dedication to the residents of Mount Vernon continues to serve as a model of outstanding public service; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon hereby honors Maureen Walker for her historic achievements and distinguished service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council proudly recognizes the unveiling of her official portrait to be displayed in the Comptroller's Office at City Hall as a lasting tribute to her contributions and enduring legacy.

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Authenticated this **24th** day of **MARCH, 2026**

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### AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRAVEL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSIONER TO ATTEND THE 2026 AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated February 3, 2026, the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Community Development formally requested authorization to travel to Detroit, Michigan, from April 24 through April 28, 2026, to attend the 2026 American Planning Association National Conference; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of professional development, continuing education, and networking opportunities for its municipal officials in order to enhance the quality of services provided to the residents of the City; and

**Whereas**, the Planning Commissioner has requested authorization to attend the 2026 American Planning Association National Conference to be held from April 24 through April 28, 2026, in Detroit, Michigan; and

**Whereas**, the American Planning Association (APA) is a national nonprofit professional organization that serves as an educational and advocacy organization for urban, city, and regional planners across the United States, with more than 40,000 members nationwide; and

**Whereas**, the annual APA National Conference provides educational training, professional development sessions, and networking opportunities for planners and public officials, with attendance typically ranging between 3,500 and 6,500 participants; and

**Whereas**, the Planning Commissioner is a certified planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and a member of its College of Fellows (FAICP), and is required to obtain thirty-two (32) continuing education credits every two years in order to maintain professional certification; and

**Whereas**, attendance at the conference will provide an opportunity for the Planning Commissioner to obtain certification maintenance credits while also advancing development, planning, design, and organizational capacity initiatives that may benefit the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the 2026 conference will be held at the Huntington Place Convention Center and lodging is anticipated at the Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown, subject to availability; and

**Whereas**, the estimated cost of attendance, including hotel accommodations, conference registration, and airfare, is approximately Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$2,433.76).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mount Vernon City Council hereby authorizes the Planning Commissioner to travel to Detroit, Michigan, from April 24 through April 28, 2026, to attend the 2026 American Planning Association National Conference.

**Section 2. Funding.** The City Council authorizes such costs associated with attendance at the

conference, including lodging, registration, airfare, and related per diem expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$2,433.76, subject to applicable City financial policies and procedures to be paid from the Austerity Budget Code A1030.402 upon submission of proper documentation, subject to the availability of funds and the Comptroller's approval.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD  
*Mayor*

City Hall, One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
(914) 840-4029 or (914) 699-7230

JAMES RAUSSE, FAICP  
*Commissioner*

February 3, 2026

Honorable City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
City Hall  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

RE: American Planning Association National Conference

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

I respectfully request that the Mount Vernon City Council authorize the Planning Commissioner to travel to Detroit for the 2026 American Planning Association National Conference from April 24<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

The American Planning Association (APA) is a 501(c)3 that serves as the educational and advocacy organization for urban, city and regional planners nationwide. The Chicago and Washington, DC-based organization has over 40,000 spread across 47 Chapters and 24 Divisions nationwide. Every year, APA hosts an annual conference in different cities around the country to provide educational, training, and networking opportunities for its members and the communities they serve. On average, between 3,500-6,500 people attend these conferences.

As a certified planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and a member of its College of Fellows (FAICP), I am required to maintain my certification through obtaining 32 hours of continuing education credits every two years (known internally as certification maintenance [CM] credits). The APA National Conference is not only the best opportunity for compliance with CM requirements, but it offers the prospect of expanding development and network opportunities for the City of Mount Vernon in regard to planning, organizational capacity, design and development.

This year's conference is in Detroit at the Huntington Place Convention Center. The conference flagship hotel will be at the Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown, depending on availability. I will be travelling from New York to Detroit via air travel.

In addition to per diem expenses, I am requesting authorization to utilize the following funds from budget line A8020.423 (Conference Expense). Funds towards the conference hotel will be paid for directly by the City of Mount Vernon. Conference registration and flight travel will be covered through

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reimbursement. Advanced purchase was necessary for the latter two in order to obtain the most reasonable price, as both are subject to dynamic pricing.

The requested cost estimates are as follows:

- Courtyard by Marriott Detroit Downtown (estimate, if available)- \$1,201.76
- APA National Conference Registration- \$ 895.00
- Flight Travel New York to Detroit (estimate)- \$ 337.00

TOTAL \$2,433.76

The current amount budgeted for A8020.423 is \$10,000. The anticipated expenses for this conference would result in a reduction of \$2,480.16 to a total of \$7,566.24 for the current Fiscal Year.

Attached are the registration splash page and calendar for the conference. Below is a link to the program schedule:

<https://www.planning.org/conference/registration/>  
<https://npc26.eventscribe.net/agenda.asp?BCFO=&pfp=Browse%20by%20Day&fa=&fb=&fc=&fd=&al=1&mode=>

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any additional questions, I am pleased to answer them.

Sincerely,

James Rause, FAICP  
Commissioner  
Planning & Community Development

# NPC26 ALL IN!

April 25–28  
May 27–29

## NPC26 All In

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### REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Registration rates for members will increase after the early deadline of March 20 at 11:59 pm CST.

#### Registration Includes:

- In-person sessions
- In-person networking events
- Opening and closing keynotes
- Access to Exhibit Hall (AKA the "Hub")
- Access to the full NPC26 Online event
- And so much more...

Members: \$835

Life/Retired Members: \$135

Students: \$135

Non-members: \$1,275

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A REQUEST AUTHORIZING THE  
ATTACHED TRAVEL AND  
TRAINING REQUEST FORM  
FOR  
THE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
TO ATTEND  
THE AMERICAN PLANNING  
ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
FROM  
APRIL 24 - APRIL 28, 2026

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# City of Mount Vernon

## Travel and Training Request Form

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### Employee Information

- Employee Name: James Rausse
- Title: Commissioner
- Department: Planning & Community Development

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### Travel Details

- Destination (City/State): Detroit
- Purpose of Travel: Conference
- Conference / Training Meeting Name: APA CS/Wotwco
- Travel Dates (From-To): 4/24 to 4/28

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### Travel Justification (Check all that apply)

Please answer the following questions to support the necessity of this travel request:

- Is this travel a requirement of your job duties?  
 Yes  No
- Is this travel required to maintain a professional license or certification?  
 Yes  No  
 If yes, specify certification/license: AICP
- Is this travel required as a result of an audit finding or corrective action plan?  
 Yes  No  
 If yes, identify audit or corrective action plan: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is this travel funded by an external source or sponsorship?  
 Yes  No  
 If yes, identify funding source: \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Justification (if applicable):  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Travel Costs

- Registration / Tuition: \$ 895
- Transportation (Air/Rail/Auto): \$ 337
- Lodging: \$ 1201.76
- Meals & Incidentals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Specify): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Estimated Cost: \$ 2,433.76

Approvals

Employee Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/3/26

Department Head Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance / Comptroller Approval: [Signature] Date: 3/12/26

Mayor Approval: [Signature] Date: 3/17/26

Council President Approval: [Signature] Date: 3/17/26

Submission of this form does not constitute approval. Travel may not be booked until all required approvals are obtained.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 03/17/2026  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea  
Resolution: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

ADOPTED BY  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE  
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[Signature]  
Clerk

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# City of Mount Vernon, New York

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### City Council:

#### **AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE IMMEDIATE REPAIR AND MOTOR REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE 206**

**Whereas**, in correspondence March 23, 2026, the Mayor formally requested the adoption of legislation declaring the existence of an emergency arising from the compromised operational condition of Fire Department Engine 206, which presents an immediate risk to public safety and the City's emergency response capabilities; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of its residents through the effective operation of its Fire Department; and

**Whereas**, Fire Department Engine 206 is a critical piece of firefighting apparatus that plays a vital role in emergency response, fire suppression, and the protection of life and property; and

**Whereas**, the motor of Engine 206 has experienced a failure or significant operational deficiency, rendering the apparatus compromised and unreliable for emergency service; and

**Whereas**, the inability of Engine 206 to function at full capacity presents an immediate risk to public safety and emergency response readiness within the City; and

**Whereas**, the replacement of the motor in Engine 206 constitutes a necessary and urgent repair to restore the apparatus to safe and operational condition; and

**Whereas**, the cost of purchasing a new fire pumper apparatus exceeds One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), with an anticipated procurement and delivery timeline of approximately two and one-half (2.5) to three (3) years; and

**Whereas**, repairing Engine 206 by replacing its motor is a fiscally responsible and cost-effective alternative that will extend the useful life of the apparatus and avoid significant capital expenditure; and

**Whereas**, the City has recently added two (2) new pumpers to its fleet, thereby increasing the importance of maintaining a reliable spare apparatus to ensure uninterrupted fire protection services during routine maintenance or unexpected equipment failures; and

**Whereas**, immediate action is required to prevent disruption in fire protection services and to maintain the operational readiness of the Fire Department; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to applicable law and the City Charter, the City Council may declare an

emergency requiring immediate procurement and repair actions in order to preserve public safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Emergency Declaration.** The City Council hereby declares that an emergency exists due to the compromised operational condition of Fire Department Engine 206, which poses an immediate threat to public safety and emergency response capabilities.

**Section 2. Authorization of Repair and Motor Replacement.** The City Council hereby authorizes the immediate repair and replacement of the motor in Fire Department Engine 206 in order to restore the apparatus to full operational status.

**Section 3. Procurement Authority.** Notwithstanding any provision of the City Code to the contrary, the appropriate City officials, including but not limited to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of the Fire Department, are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to expedite the procurement of parts, services, and labor required for the repair, consistent with emergency procurement procedures permitted by law.

**Section 4. Funding.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized to identify, allocate, and, if necessary, transfer funds from appropriate accounts, including contingency or emergency reserves, to cover the cost associated with the repair and motor replacement of Engine 206.

**Section 5. Continuity Operations.** The Fire Department is authorized to take any additional operational measures necessary to ensure continuity of fire protection services during the repair period, including the utilization of reserve apparatus.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council, in light of the emergency circumstances set forth herein, and upon subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.

Mayor Office

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
*Mayor*

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Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
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**MALCOLM CLARK**  
*Chief of Staff*

**KHENDRA DAVID**  
*Deputy Chief of Staff*

Honorable City Council  
City Hall - 1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

March 23, 2026

Subject: Emergency Declaration – Fire Department Engine Company 206

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am declaring an emergency to replace the motor in Engine 206 for the Fire Department, which is a critical piece of firefighting equipment that directly affects our community's safety. Our commitment to public safety relies heavily on the reliability of our fleet, and Engine 206's current operational status is compromised, necessitating immediate action.

Replacing the motor in Engine 206 is a fiscally responsible alternative to purchasing a new vehicle. Given that the cost of a new pumper exceeds \$1,500,000 and the wait time is 2.5 to 3 years, funding this repair now will prevent costly delays and ensure continued service. Engine 206 has played a vital role in our firefighting efforts, responding swiftly to emergencies, and protecting our residents' lives and property.

With the addition of two new pumpers, it's even more important to have a dependable spare apparatus. This ensures we can maintain uninterrupted service while the primary fleet is under routine maintenance or if an unexpected breakdown occurs, thereby safeguarding our commitment to public safety.

By addressing this issue now, we can continue to safeguard our community and uphold our promise of public safety with confidence and positivity.

Sincerely,

Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Mayor, City of Mount Vernon, NY



# City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Agenda Date: 4/8/2026

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### City Council:

### AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR OF FIRE ENGINE 206

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated March 23, 2026, the Comptroller formally requested legislation authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$67,684.13) from the Contingency Account to the Fire Department Repairs to Plant and Equipment Account for the purpose of repairing Fire Engine 206.

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents through the proper maintenance and operation of essential public safety equipment; and

**Whereas**, Fire Engine 206 is a critical asset within the Mount Vernon Fire Department’s fleet, necessary for effective emergency response and fire suppression services; and

**Whereas**, the City has identified the need for repairs to Fire Engine 206 in order to maintain its operational readiness and reliability; and

**Whereas**, the Office of the Comptroller has reviewed the financial requirements associated with said repairs and has recommended the transfer of funds to support this necessary expenditure; and

**Whereas**, sufficient funds are available within the Contingency line to accommodate such transfer without adversely affecting other budgetary obligations; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to authorize the transfer of funds to ensure the timely repair and continued service of Fire Engine 206;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Fund Transfer.** The City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of funds in the amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$67,684.13) from the Contingency Account to the Fire Department Repairs to Plant and Equipment Account for the purpose of repairing Fire Engine 206.

**Section 2. Account Designation.** The transfer shall be made as follows:

From:	Amount:	To:
Account No. A1990.493 (Contingency)	\$67,684.13	Account No. A3410.414 - (Fire Department - Repairs to Plant and Equipment)

**Section 3. Purpose.** The funds transferred pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used exclusively for the repair

and restoration of Fire Engine 206 to ensure its safe and effective operation.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, CMFO  
Comptroller

City Hall, One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
(914) 665-2303

March 23, 2026

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**RE: COMP2026-4 – Request for Authorization to Transfer Funds for Fire Engine Repair**

Honorable City Council Members:

The Office of the Comptroller respectfully submits this referral requesting that the City Council adopts legislation authorizing the transfer of funds from the Contingency line to the Fire Department Repairs to Plant and Equipment line for the repair of Fire Engine 206.

Amount	From	To
67,684.13	A1990.493	A3410.414

Thank you for your attention and partnership in this matter.

Respectfully,

Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, CMFO  
Comptroller

cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Corporation Counsel  
File



# City of Mount Vernon, New York

## Staff Report

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**File #:** TMP -2015

**Agenda Date:** 3/25/2026

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### City Council:

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MOTOR IN FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE 206**

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated March 16, 2026, the Commissioner of the Fire Department formally requested authorization for the Mount Vernon Fire Department to replace the motor of Engine 206, including all associated parts and labor, at a total cost of \$68,482.60 through Black Rock Truck Group, Inc.; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Fire Department relies on the operational readiness of its fleet to protect the lives and property of the City's residents; and

**Whereas**, Engine 206 is a critical firefighting apparatus that has responded to numerous emergencies and is essential to the City's emergency response capabilities; and

**Whereas**, in correspondence dated March 23, 2026, the Mayor formally requested that the City Council declare an emergency due to the compromised operational condition of Engine 206, which poses an immediate threat to public safety; and

**Whereas**, a recent evaluation by the Fire Department's maintenance team determined that the motor of Engine 206 has seized, rendering the vehicle inoperable; and

**Whereas**, maintaining a fully operational spare apparatus is necessary to ensure uninterrupted service during routine maintenance or unexpected breakdowns of the primary fleet; and

**Whereas**, the replacement of the motor in Engine 206, at a total cost of \$68,482.60, represents a fiscally responsible alternative to purchasing a new pumper, which averages approximately \$900,000; and

**Whereas**, Black Rock Truck Group, Inc., the awarded vendor under Westchester County Purchasing Contract RFB-WC-24016 (Freightliner OEM Truck Parts, expiration 02/28/2027), will provide the motor, necessary parts, and labor for the replacement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK:**

**Section 1. Authorization of Motor Replacement.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mount Vernon Fire Department to replace the motor of Engine 206, including all associated parts and labor, at a total cost of \$68,482.60 through Black Rock Truck Group, Inc.

**Section 2. Funding.** The cost of the motor replacement shall be funded through the Fire Department Repairs to Plant and Equipment Account (A3410.414).

**Section 3. Emergency Declaration.** Due to the compromised operational status of Engine 206

and the immediate threat to public safety, this Ordinance is declared an emergency measure. Accordingly, it shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council and subsequent approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and approval as provided in Section 3.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
*Mayor*

Fire Headquarter – 470 East Lincoln Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
(914) 665-2611 – Fax: (914) 665-2631

**Kevin B. Holt**  
*Fire Commissioner*  
**Theodore W. Beale Jr.**  
*Deputy Fire Commissioner*  
**Juan A. Peralta**  
*Chief of Operations*

Honorable City Council  
City Hall - 1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

*Through the Office of the Mayor*

March 16, 2026

Subject: Urgent Request for Motor Replacement: Engine 206

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing matter regarding Engine 206, a critical piece of firefighting equipment within the Mount Vernon Fire Department. Our commitment to community safety relies heavily on the reliability of our fleet; currently, Engine 206's operational status is compromised, necessitating immediate action.

**Assessment of Engine 206**

Engine 206 has been a vital asset in our firefighting efforts, responding to emergencies and protecting our residents' lives. Our maintenance team recently conducted a thorough evaluation of the vehicle and determined that the **motor has seized**. The detailed report is attached for your review.

**Fiscal Responsibility & Fleet Readiness**

While we are grateful for the recent addition of two new pumpers, maintaining a reliable spare apparatus is essential to ensure uninterrupted service during routine maintenance or unexpected breakdowns in the primary fleet.

Replacing the motor in Engine 206 is a fiscally prudent alternative to purchasing a new vehicle. With the current average cost of a new pumper at approximately \$900,000, investing in this repair allows us to extend the life of our existing inventory and ensure 100% operational readiness at a fraction of the cost.

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**Purchase**

The motor, additional parts/equipment and labor provided by Black Rock Truck Group, Inc. for a total of \$68,482.60. Funds should be satisfied from A3410.414. Black Rock Truck Group Inc. is the awarded vendor on the Westchester County Purchasing Contract RFB-WC-24016, Freightliner OEM Truck Parts (expiration 02/28/2027).

We kindly request a transfer from the contingency fund to complete this motor replacement and for the City Council to enact legislation approving the purchase. Your support and prompt approval to proceed with the motor replacement. This investment is vital to maintaining the high standards of safety and service that the citizens of Mount Vernon expect and deserve.

Thank you for your time and your continued dedication to the safety of our city. I look forward to your positive response.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin B. Holt  
Fire Commissioner

Attachments: Black Rock Quote for Engine 206 Motor Replacement  
Westchester County Contract RFB-WC-24016

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**BLACK ROCK TRUCK GROUP, INC**  
**YONKERS ID#7118860**  
 257 LAKE AVE  
 YONKERS, NY 10701  
 P: (914) 979-2853  
 Dealer Code: DEXD

**Connecticut:** Branford  
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**SERVICE ESTIMATE**

**E200017558**

Bill-To Customer

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**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON (PUBLIC WORKS)**  
**1 ROOSEVELT SQUARE**  
**MOUNT VERNON NY 10550**

*PO Required*

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON (PUBLIC WORKS)**  
**33 CANAL STREET**  
**MOUNT VERNON NY 10550**

Customer Phone: (914) 665-2339

DATE ARRIVED	SALES TYPE	TERMS	ID	ADVISOR	CUSTOMER PO	DATE INVOICE	
3/16/2026 2:56PM	SCH	45	BA012181	CHRIS J.			
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN	CUSTOMER UNIT #	IN SERVICE	ODOM IN	ODOM OUT
2011	PIERCE MFG. INC	PIERCE	4P1CA01D0BA012181			1	1

**Estimate Operations**

**JOB #1 ENG**      **CUSTOMER STATES :**  
 COMPLAINT      QUOTE TO PERFORM A STEP-UP 4 OVERHAUL - 3/4 ENGINE  
  
                          QUOTED WITH EXTRA WARRANTY - 3YR/300K MILES  
 CAUSE  
 CORRECTION

QTY	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTD PRICE
	LABOR			35,040.00
1	200F/DDE R23539389	ENG 3Q DD13 EPA10 471903/911/9	28,923.00	28,923.00
-1	200F/DDE R23539389-CORE	ENG 3Q DD13 EPA10 471903/911/9	9,925.88	-9,925.88
11	200F/MBL 122457	OIL, M-DELVAC SUPER FE 10W-30,	21.83	240.13
16	200F/OWI AMAB53	ALLIANCE OAT ELC 50/50 6/1 GAL	9.74	155.84
1	200F/DDE R23539389-CORE	ENG 3Q DD13 EPA10 471903/911/9	9,925.88	9,925.88
1	MISC	MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE	1,500.00	1,500.00
1	WARR	3YR/300K MILE EXT WARRANTY CHARGE	2,500.00	2,500.00
1	FRT	PART FREIGHT-IN CHARGE PASSTHROUGH	123.63	123.63

Parts: \$29,318.97    Labor: \$35,040.00    Misc: \$4,123.63    Sublet: \$0.00    \$68,482.60



**Department of Finance**

Bureau of Purchase & Supplies  
 148 Martine Avenue, Room 713  
 White Plains, NY 10601  
 (914) 231-1872  
[www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com)

**CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Freightliner OEM Truck Parts
<b>CONTRACT NUMBER:</b>	RFB-WC-24016 (Previous # RFB-WC-17267)
<b>CONTRACT PERIOD:</b>	March 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025
<b>DATE OF ISSUE:</b>	February 20, 2024
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Extension Issue Date</b>	August 13, 2025
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Extension Contract Period:</b>	September 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027
<b>COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:</b>	DPW, PRC, DEF, AIRPORT, PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES
<b>SPECIFICATION REFERENCE:</b>	As Incorporated In The Invitation for Bids
<b>CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:</b>	Appears on the attached pages of this Award

**Address Inquiries To:**

<b>County Departments &amp; Vendors</b>	<b>Political Subdivisions</b>
Name : Jeannine Bucci Title : Buyer Phone : 914-995-4048 Fax : 914-231-1546 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jmbb@Westchestercountyny.gov">jmbb@Westchestercountyny.gov</a>	Customer Service SAME

**Description**

**A File Price has been extended for "Freightliner OEM Truck Parts/Service", effective September 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027, for Westchester County and all political subdivisions of Westchester.**



A File Price has been extended for "Freightliner OEM Truck Parts/Service" with the below listed Vendor for the period **September 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027**. Price lists covered and discounts are shown on the attached.

VENDOR # 734728  
 BLACK ROCK TRUCK GROUP, INC.  
 257 LAKE AVENUE  
 YONKERS, NY 10701  
 (914) 525-9451  
 Attn: Oliver Espinoza [oespinoza@blackrocktruck.com](mailto:oespinoza@blackrocktruck.com)  
 Customer Service: (914) 968-3000 (Option # 2 - Service)  
 Hours of Operation:  
 Monday through Friday 7:00am-5:00pm  
 TERMS: NET 30

Please contact the above referenced Vendor personnel with regards to establishing new accounts.

**GUARANTEED DELIVERY TIME FOR:**

STOCK ITEMS	1 DAY
NON-STOCK ITEMS	2-4 DAYS
EMERGENCY ITEMS	1-2 DAYS

**Freightliner OEM Truck Parts**  
**FILE PRICE NO. RFB-WC-24016**

**A) FREIGHTLINER PROPRIETARY (PSM-M-158)**

A PRICE BOOK OR CD SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITH AND MADE PART OF THIS BID FROM WHICH THE VENDOR WILL ALLOW A DISCOUNT OF 41.90 PERCENT FROM LIST PRICE.

PRICE BOOK OR CD DATE 11/2023

**B) FREIGHTLINER ALL-MAKES (PSM-M-159)**

A PRICE BOOK OR CD SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITH AND MADE PART OF THIS BID FROM WHICH THE VENDOR WILL ALLOW A DISCOUNT OF 22.15 PERCENT FROM LIST PRICE.

PRICE BOOK OR CD DATE 11/2023

**C) CUMMINS DRIVETRAIN PARTS (CUMMINS MASTER)**

A PRICE BOOK OR CD SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITH AND MADE PART OF THIS BID FROM WHICH THE VENDOR WILL ALLOW A DISCOUNT OF 17.55 PERCENT FROM LIST PRICE.

PRICE BOOK OR CD DATE 1/2024

**D) LABOR**
**HOURLY LABOR RATE TO PERFORM DIAGNOSTIC / REPAIR SERVICES FOR COUNTY OWNED FREIGHTLINER VEHICLES:**

- **ALL LABOR SHALL BE PERFORMED BY FACTORY CERTIFIED / TRAINED, QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, PROOF OF WHICH TO BE SUBMITTED WITH BID PACKAGE.**
- **ALL LABOR CHARGES SHALL INCLUDE DIAGNOSTIC INSPECTIONS, NORMAL, AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS.**
- **ALL REPAIRS ARE TO BE WARRANTIED FOR 90 DAYS.**

**CONDITIONS:**

1.) THE VENDOR, A LICENSED FREIGHTLINER REPAIR FACILITY, CERTIFICATE NUMBER 7118860, AGREES TO PERFORM ALL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS SCHEDULED ON VEHICLES OPERATED BY THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER. THE VENDOR SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) YEARS EXPERIENCE AS STATED ABOVE AND MUST SUBMIT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF (TWO) OPERATORS OF SIMILAR TYPE VEHICLES FOR WHOM HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED THIS SERVICE.

LABOR RATE PER MAN HOUR (REGULAR TIME), INCLUDING TRAVEL \$119.00

LABOR RATE PER MAN HOUR (OVERTIME), INCLUDING TRAVEL \$119.00

2.) THE MAINTENANCE WILL BE PERFORMED AT A LOCATION DESIGNATED BY WESTCHESTER COUNTY OR AT VENDOR REPAIR FACILITY



# City of Mount Vernon, New York

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### City Council:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COUNTY AND  
SPECIAL DISTRICT TAX RATE, LEVYING SAID TAX  
AND CONFIRMING THE COUNTY AND SPECIAL  
DISTRICT TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND  
ORDERING THE ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT THEREFORE**

**Whereas**, by letter dated March 23, 2026, the Comptroller has requested legislation fixing the tax rates for the County and Special District taxes for the year 2026; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to Section 239 of the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon, as amended by Local Law No. 5 of 1976, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon is required to levy and cause to be raised a tax for the County and Special District taxes for the year 2026; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to Section 239 of the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon, as amended by Local Law No. 5 of 1976, the City of Mount Vernon is required to confirm said County and Special District taxes and issue a warrant therefor; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. There shall be levied and caused to be raised by tax upon property subject to taxation in the City of Mount Vernon the sum of \$27,814,244.

Section 2. That the tax rate for the year 2026 on all taxable property in the City of Mount Vernon is hereby fixed at thirteen and four hundred ninety-seven thousandths cents (.13497) upon each dollar of assessed valuation of real or personal property valued at \$147,075,763 within the City of Mount Vernon, to be collected from the several owners thereof, and taxable for County and Special District tax purposes pursuant to law, and at twenty-nine hundred sixty-four thousandths cents (.02964) upon each dollar of assessed valuation of exempt real and personal property valued at \$41,202,172 assessed for Sewer District purposes only, and at one and five hundred seventy-five thousandths cents (.01575) upon each dollar of assessed valuation of exempt real and personal property valued at

\$9,551,540 assessed for Refuse Disposal District No. 1 only.

Section 3. The taxes for the year 2026 for County and Special District purposes as provided in Section 2 hereof as apportioned and extended by the Comptroller against the respective assessments are the same as set forth in the assessment roll, be and each of them are, in all respects confirmed, and a warrant shall thereupon issue to be signed by the President of the City Council and the Mayor directing the Comptroller to collect the amount of said taxes as provided by law, and said assessment roll, together with the taxes so apportioned and extended, together with the said warrant, shall be the County and Special District Tax Roll for the year 2026, and the City Clerk is directed to deliver the same forthwith to the Comptroller.

Section 4. The said warrant shall be returned to the City Council on or before December 31, 2026, unless extended.

Section 5. Pursuant to Section 245 of the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon, the Comptroller shall, within 15 days from the return of said warrant, make and deliver to the City Council a return of all taxes and assessments mentioned in the County and Special District Tax Roll for the year 2026 remaining unpaid at the time of the making of said return.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

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Comptroller

City Hall, One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
(914) 665-2304

March 23, 2026

City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Honorable Body,

Please enact legislation to fix the tax rates for the County and Special District taxes for the year 2026. The assessment was provided and certified by the Assessor's Office. The rates to be fixed in cents are as follows:

.13497 upon each dollar of assessed valuation of real or personal property valued at \$147,075,763.

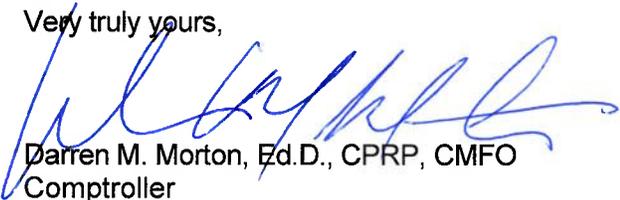
.02964 upon each dollar of assessed valuation of real or personal property valued at \$41,202,172  
for Sewer District purposes only.

.01575 upon each dollar of assessed valuation of real or personal property valued at \$9,551,540  
District #1 purposes only.

Since the tax bills are normally in the possession of the taxpayers by April 1st, I respectfully request you enact the appropriate legislation at a special meeting as soon as possible.

Your kind cooperation is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, CMFO  
Comptroller