

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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, June 25, 2025.**

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

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

PRESIDING: Danielle Browne, President

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

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead by Councilman Boxhill

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).

PRESENTATION - The Grace

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH:

Seeking modifications to the zoning ordinance

Mountco Construction and Development Corp.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Candera Wright - No Show
Water System

Sabrina Powell - No Show
Is it okay for their RV to be in Hartley Park? Additionally, speaking on the topic of safety and community.

Toni Gamils - Mount Vernon
Update on safety situation near 22 brookfield road

Councilman Boxhill: requested additional information from the speaker and will circle back after speaking with other departments

Councilman Gleason: explained that she was driving by during the holiday and was speaking with the police commissioner who went over and saw that there was no traffic being able to move during that time. Saw the mosque own security that was present. There needs to be a study done before any action that can be taken. They need to come up with a better parking plan. Parking with department of recreation or youth bureau to utilize the buses for shuttling.

Councilman Thompson: will speak with Police Department and ordinance team and to see if there can be a police presence in the area and will speak to the mosque to see if they can partner with the school district and they can probably get a charter bus to transport them from the parking to the mosque so they can worship and the homeowners can not be. It is a safety hazard because

emergency vehicle can get down the street.

Council President Browne: understand their frustration and there is an enforcement issue, we will have to remind them especially parking on property and there is definitely a customer service issue. Requested the call information time and date because the calls are taped and we can address the Police Department and enforce proper training. Will put in a complaint regarding the temporary tent with the buildings department to see if they are out of compliance. There has been meetings with the mosque and there has not been any improvement.

Fabiana Azoni - No Show

Unsafe conditions on Monterey Dr. And municipal response

Delores Mack - No Show

Betterment of Mount Vernon

Patricia Richards - Mount Vernon

Concern for corner of Washington and south Fulton, people do not obey traffic light. Other concern: Mount Vernon High School, specifically, auditorium is leaking at multiple places, should be reviewed.

Councilman Gleason: explained that city council does not have any purview over the school district and explained that the council will forward her complaint to the school district but recommended that she directly contact the school district.

Councilman Thompson: hopefully the school district knows about the leaks if not they I will bring it to the buildings and grounds team and will have out Legislative aide reach out to give you a update.

Council President Browne: other council members will speak with Police Department and the parking lot. With the school district, I recommend that you attend a school board meeting and address those issues.

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

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

ABSENT: Pro Tempore Edward Poteat

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

() 1. **[TMP-1475](#)**

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Grace Baptist 5K Complete Application](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman

Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

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2. [TMP-1459](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [RFP- Various Public Works Construction Equi](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

To the Council:

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

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3. [TMP-1466](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Youth Bureau's SYEP referral letter 2025 \\$16,666 Youth Bureau- 16,666 grant for 2025 SYEP](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Motion to take items 4, 5 and 6 as a block vote

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

take items as block vote

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

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4. [TMP-1479](#)

Code: HR

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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5. [TMP-1480](#)

Code: HR

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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6. [TMP-1481](#)

Code: HR

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved the Consent Agenda

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

To the Council:

The **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES** Committee recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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7. [TMP-1467](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Referral Letter-Dormant Building](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

****NEEDS SECOND VOTE****

approved

Aye: Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

Abstain: President Browne

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8. [TMP-1468](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [ReferralLetter-NYSBOCA-Amendment](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

****NEEDS SECOND VOTE****

approved

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

Nay: Councilperson Gleason

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

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9. [TMP-1434](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [6 Gramatan Referral Letter](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Acting Pro Tempore Thompson, Councilperson Boxhill, and Councilperson Gleason

Nay: President Browne

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

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10. [TMP-1470](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Mechanical Breaching Instructor School Referral](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

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11. [TMP-1471](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Initial Response to Active Shooter Training Re](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

To the Council:

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

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12. [TMP-1421](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [CAMA 9K ltr](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

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13. [TMP-1422](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Catalis Ent CAMA 35K ltr](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Motion to accept petition for filing The Grace

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilwoman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilwoman Gleason - moment of silence for fallen DPW worker Juan Peralta Sr. Wake is 6/30 on Gramatan Ave 4-8 pm

Councilma Thompson - keep the Peralta and Jones family in prayer. Congratulations to all in the election, it was low voter turn out but there were many successes.

Councilman Boxhill - spoke on losses and congratulated the winners of the primaries

Council President Browne - spoke on losses and thank you to all who ran

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

approved

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk