

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

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

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024
Scheduled for 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.**

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

PRESIDING: Cathlin B. Gleason, President

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

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by Deputy City Clerk Nicole J. Bonilla

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

NOT
ADOPTED

1. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Payment for the 3-Year Renewal of the Versoft (OPENGOV) System Contract

Code: LPW

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ADOPTED

2. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor Enter Into a One-Year Support Contract with Davenport Group for Broadcom Software Environment Support

Code: LPW

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3. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Monday.com Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Software for Use by the Office of the Mayor and City Council

Code: LPW

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ADOPTED

4. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing Budget Line Transfer for the Department of Public Safety to Cover Current Negative Balances and Support Future Purchases

Code: LPW

5. **NOT ADOPTED** Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Sustainability to Participate in the District Energy Delegation to Copenhagen, Denmark
Code: LPW

6. **NOT ADOPTED** Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition and Financing of New Vehicles for the Department of Public Works Fleet Through a Lease Agreement with Leasing Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital
Code: LPW

7. **NOT ADOPTED** Recreation Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the Annual Breast Cancer Walk with Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon
Code: LPW

8. **NOT ADOPTED** Recreation Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of the National 10-Minute Walk to the Park Day Event with the Trust for Public Land and Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon
Code: LPW

9. Office of the Mayor: A Resolution Appointing Commissioners of Deeds for the City of Mount Vernon (Sept 2024 - Sept. 2026)
Code: LPW

10. **NOT ADOPTED** City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Renaming of the Roundabout Located at Lincoln Avenue and Gramatan Avenue in Honor of Former Mayor Ernest D. Davis
Code: LPW

To the Council:

HUMAN RESOURCES

11. **NOT ADOPTED** Department of Human Resources: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of the City of Mount Vernon's First Comprehensive Employee Handbook
Code: HR

12. **NOT ADOPTED** Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Retroactively Enter Into an Agreement with the Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services under the Wellness Nutrition (WIN) and Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) - (April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025)
Code: HR

13. Recreation Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of \$146,330 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Purchase of Three New Vehicles for the Recreation Department

Code: HR

14. Recreation Department: An Ordinance Authorizing a Leave of Absence for Marcus McCutchen for One Year Commencing October 9, 2024

Code: HR

15. Recreation Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Sponsor the 8th Annual Pumpkin Fest and Carving Event

Code: HR

16. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau to Host the Annual National "Lights on After School" Event at City Hall Plaza

Code: HR

17. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Grant Seven Youth Bureau Staff Members to Attend the 52nd Annual Youth Development Leadership Training Conference - (October 22nd - October 24th)

Code: HR

To the Council:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

18. Fire Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Renewal Agreement with Code Software Corporation Inc. for the RedAlert Records Management System Software for Mount Vernon Fire Department

Code: PSC

19. Industrial Development Agency (IDA): An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement with Consolidated Edison Company ("Con Edison") to Conduct a Test Borehole for the Thermal Energy Network Pilot Project at the Doles Recreation Center

Code: PSC

20. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Renewal Contract Agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for Fuel Inspection and Testing Services

Code: PSC

21. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Public Safety to Host the Annual "Trunk-or-Treat" Event on Thursday, October 31, 2024

Code: PSC

22. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Two Department of Public Safety Members to Attend the Ivory Tower Training - (November 18, 2024)

Code: PSC

23. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Reimbursement for Travel Expense Incurred by Two Members of Service in Connection with Homicide Investigation

Code: PSC

24. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon Designating Itself as the Lead Agency for the Proposed Code Amendments Regarding Bamboo Legislation and Scheduling a Public Hearing

Code: PSC

To the Council:

FINANCE AND PLANNING

25. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Common Ground Institute for Municipal Financial Advisory Services Related to Asset Utilization and Development - (Consultant Agreement for Implementation of Putting Asset to Work (PAW))

Code: FP

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

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NOT ADOPTED

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FOR THE 3-YEAR RENEWAL OF THE VERSOFT (OPENGOV) SYSTEM CONTRACT

Whereas, by letter dated September 30, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the payment of the 3-year renewal contract for the VerSoft (OpenGov) system, totaling \$517,297.07; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon relies on the VerSoft (OpenGov) platform for various critical internal and public services, and;

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has determined the need to renew the contract for the VerSoft (OpenGov) system for three years to ensure continuity of services provided to the City; and

Whereas, the contract payment for this 3-year renewal amounts to \$517,297.07 and will be financed through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget code 1680.203.C927; and

Whereas, the Finance Department has confirmed that the requested payment meets ARPA requirements and that sufficient funds are available for this purpose; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the payment of the 3-year renewal contract for the VerSoft (OpenGov) system, totaling \$517,297.07.

Section 2. Payment. The contract payment for the renewal shall be made from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Budget Code 1680.203.C927.

Section 3. Term of Agreement. The agreement shall cover three years for providing internal and public services by the VerSoft (OpenGov) system, commencing upon its signing.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

APPROVED Dept. _____

By _____ Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY
OF MOUNT VERNON TO ENTER INTO A
ONE-YEAR SUPPORT CONTRACT WITH
DAVENPORT GROUP FOR BROADCOM
VMWARE SOFTWARE ENVIRONMENT SUPPORT**

Whereas, by letter dated September 19, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Management Services has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a one-year support contract with Davenport Group to maintain the Broadcom VMware software environment; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has identified the critical need to maintain ongoing support for the Broadcom VMware software environment, which is essential to the operations of both City Hall and the Police Department; and

Whereas, the current support contract for the Broadcom VMware software environment is set to expire in April 2024, and maintaining uninterrupted support is crucial for the city's technological infrastructure and operations; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has consulted with the Department of Finance and confirmed that the request meets the financial requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and that the necessary funds are available in ARPA Budget Code 168.203.C927; and

Whereas, the Department of Management Services has explored alternative options but has determined that a one-year support contract with Davenport Group, facilitated by Dell in compliance with Broadcom's support restrictions, is the most feasible solution to maintain operational continuity; and

Whereas, the contract amount for the one-year support service is \$54,273.00 and will be financed through the ARPA Budget Code 168.203.C927; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Definitions:

- **Broadcom VMware Software Environment:** The software infrastructure used by the City of Mount Vernon to support critical operations at City Hall and the Police Department.
- **Davenport Group:** The company selected by Dell, the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), to provide support services for the Broadcom VMware software environment in compliance with Broadcom's restrictions.
- **ARPA:** American Rescue Plan Act, providing federal funding for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **OEM:** Original Equipment Manufacturer, referring to Dell, which previously endorsed the VMware environment and facilitated the support contract with Davenport Group.

Section 2. Authorization. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into a one-year support contract with Davenport Group to maintain the Broadcom VMware software environment.

Section 3. Contract Details. The one-year support contract with Davenport Group will cost \$54,273.00 and cover the necessary maintenance and support services for the Broadcom VMware software environment from April 2024 to April 2025.

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Section 4. Funding. The contract amount of \$54,273.00 shall be financed through ARPA Budget Code 168.203.C927, which the Department of Finance has confirmed as available and in compliance with ARPA regulations.

Section 5. Justification and Exclusivity. Broadcom, the current owner of VMware, has placed restrictions on support for VMware environments. Dell's role as the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), Davenport Group, is the only provider authorized to support the City's VMware environment. The Department of Management Services has determined that no other vendor will likely respond to the active Request for Proposal (RFP 0031-2024 VX Rail & VMware Support), making this contract essential for continued operations.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024:
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

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Dept. _____

By _____
Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE
OF MONDAY.COM CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP
MANAGEMENT (CRM) SOFTWARE FOR USE BY
THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Whereas, by letter dated September 23, 2024, the Deputy Chief of Staff has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor and the City Council to approve the purchase of Monday.com Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software, including a total of eight user licenses and onboarding support, at a total annual cost not to exceed \$5,655.32. The expenditure shall be allocated from the Mayor's Office Budget Code A1210.405 and the City Council's Budget Code A1010.405, respectively; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon continually seeks to improve efficiency, responsiveness, and transparency in delivering services to its residents; and

Whereas, the Office of the Mayor has identified the need for a comprehensive, centralized platform to streamline constituent interactions, optimize workflow processes, enhance data organization, facilitate cross-department collaboration, and improve communication; and

Whereas, Monday.com Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software has been evaluated and recommended for purchase as a solution that meets these needs, providing key benefits such as increased efficiency, accountability, transparency, flexibility, and integration capabilities; and

Whereas, the Office of the Mayor obtained competitive quotes for CRM solutions, with Monday.com estimated at an annual cost of \$4,241.94 for six (6) users and onboarding support, compared to other options from Leidos Intranet Quorum (\$22,296.96 annually) and Salesforce (\$9,367.74 annually); and

Whereas, the City Council has requested two (2) additional users for the Monday.com platform at an extra cost of \$1,413.38, to enable Council members to track constituent issues, collaborate effectively with departments, and manage citywide initiatives, with funding available in Budget Code A1010.405 (contracted outside services); and

Whereas, the total expenditure for Monday.com software for the Mayor's Office and City Council shall not exceed \$5,655.32, with funding available through the Mayor's Office budget under Code A1210.405 (contracted outside services); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization for Purchase. The Mayor and the City Council are hereby authorized to approve the purchase of Monday.com Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software, including eight (8) user licenses and onboarding support, at a total annual cost not to exceed \$5,655.32. The expenditure shall be allocated from the Mayor's Office Budget Code A1210.405 and the City Council's Budget Code A1010.405, respectively.

Section 2. User Access and Implementation.

1. Office of the Mayor: Six users shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor to enhance constituent management, streamline workflow processes, improve data organization, and foster cross-departmental collaboration.

2. City Council: Two users shall be allocated to the City Council, with associated costs covered by the Council's budget. This access will allow Council members to track constituent issues, collaborate with City departments, and oversee citywide initiatives.

NOT ADOPTED

Section 3. Scope and Utilization. The Monday.com CRM platform shall be utilized by the Office of the Mayor and City Council to:

- Enhance Constituent Services: Enable tracking and management of constituent requests, concerns, and follow-ups to improve responsiveness and accountability.
- Optimize Workflow Processes: Streamline and automate workflow processes to improve operational efficiency across City departments.
- Facilitate Collaboration: Allow seamless collaboration between the Mayor's Office, City Council, and other departments, enhancing interdepartmental communication and project management.
- Improve Data Management: Centralize data entry, organization, and reporting, providing real-time updates on project statuses and constituent issues.

Section 4. Reporting and Monitoring. The Office of the Mayor shall periodically report to the City Council on the usage and effectiveness of the Monday.com CRM platform in meeting the goals of improved efficiency, accountability, and constituent service delivery. Reports should include metrics on response times, task completion rates, and overall user satisfaction.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson
**THIS ORDINANCE
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President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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Date

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Dept. _____

By _____
Mayor

NOT ADOPTED

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BUDGET LINE TRANSFERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COVER CURRENT NEGATIVE BALANCES AND SUPPORT FUTURE PURCHASES

Whereas, by letter dated September 18, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") has requested legislation authorizing the following budget transfers shown in the Chart below to cover negative balances as well as future purchases in the Department; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works of the City of Mount Vernon has identified negative balances in specific budget lines that require immediate adjustment to continue essential operations; and

Whereas, there is a need to transfer funds between various budget lines to cover current deficits and future departmental purchases, thereby ensuring the continued functionality of DPW services and meeting the financial needs of the department; and

Whereas, these budget transfers are necessary to support the financial management of DPW and the city's broader needs in accordance with sound fiscal responsibility; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization of Budget Transfers. The following budget transfers are hereby authorized for the Department of Public Works:

Table with 4 columns: FROM, AMOUNT, TO, AMOUNT. It lists budget transfers from various DPW lines to other DPW lines, including amounts like \$45,000.00, \$32,500.00, \$15,000.00, \$30,000.00, \$17,500.00, and \$15,000.00.

Section 2. Purpose of Transfers. These transfers allocate funds within the Department of Public Works to address current negative balances and ensure funding is available for upcoming expenses, including, but not limited to, cover negative balances as well as future purchases in the Department.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

APPROVED Dept. _____

By _____ Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT ENERGY DELEGATION TO COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

NOT ADOPTED

Whereas, by letter dated September 23, 2024, the Director of Sustainability has requested legislation authorizing him to accept the invitation from The Consulate General of Denmark to participate in the District Energy Delegation to Copenhagen, Denmark, from October 26, 2024, to November 1, 2024; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to sustainability, environmental justice, and the advancement of green infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Director of Sustainability has been invited by The Consulate General of Denmark to participate in their District Energy Delegation from October 26, 2024, to November 1, 2024; and

Whereas, the purpose of this delegation is to gain valuable knowledge of Denmark's pioneering district heating and thermal energy systems, which are globally recognized as energy-efficient, environmentally sustainable, and a model for equitable green infrastructure; and

Whereas, the entire cost of the trip, including travel, lodging, and other associated expenses, will be fully funded by The Consulate General of Denmark at no cost to the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, this trip will provide direct benefits to the City of Mount Vernon, including advancing the Utility Thermal Energy Network (UTEN) project, supporting the City's sustainability goals, fostering equitable access to clean energy solutions, and strengthening partnerships to attract additional funding and resources; and

Whereas, the insights and knowledge gained from Denmark's best practices will be crucial in helping Mount Vernon develop progressive policies that promote sustainability and address the needs of the City's most vulnerable populations; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization to Accept Invitation. The City Council of Mount Vernon hereby authorizes the Director of Sustainability to accept the invitation from The Consulate General of Denmark to participate in the District Energy Delegation to Copenhagen, Denmark, from October 26, 2024, to November 1, 2024.

Section 2. No Cost to the City. This ordinance acknowledges that the Consulate General of Denmark will fully fund the trip, including travel, lodging, and associated expenses, and the City of Mount Vernon will not be charged.

Section 3. Benefits to the City of Mount Vernon. The City Council recognizes that the knowledge and experience gained by the Director of Sustainability from this trip will directly benefit Mount Vernon's ongoing sustainability initiatives, including the advancement of the UTEN project, the development of progressive energy policies, and efforts to ensure equitable access to clean energy solutions for all residents.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

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Date

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By _____ Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ACQUISITION AND FINANCING OF NEW
VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS FLEET THROUGH A LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH LEASE SERVICING
CENTER, INC. DBA NCL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL**

Whereas, by letter dated October 1, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, to enter into a municipal lease agreement with Lease Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital (“NCL”) for the acquisition of new vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works fleet as outlined in the attached procurement list; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works fleet in the City of Mount Vernon is in a state of significant disrepair due to decades of neglect, mismanagement, and outdated policies, severely limiting the department's ability to deliver essential services such as snow removal, sanitation, street cleaning, road maintenance, and sewer operations; and

Whereas, a comprehensive fleet assessment conducted by the City revealed that 62.8% of the current fleet is in unsatisfactory condition, with 66.1% of vehicles being over 11 years old, far exceeding industry standards for operational life; and

Whereas, the outdated state of the DPW fleet has resulted in increased repair and maintenance costs, reduced service delivery capacity, and placed a strain on City personnel, thereby hindering the City’s ability to meet the needs of its residents; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the City of Mount Vernon to replace its outdated DPW fleet and to acquire new, modern vehicles and equipment to enhance efficiency and ensure the safety of City services; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has identified Lease Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital ("NCL") as a reputable and experienced provider of competitive equipment financing solutions for municipalities, and NCL has been awarded a contract through Sourcewell (Contract #011620-NCL); and

Whereas, the estimated cost of the acquisition is \$4,975,598.76, with a \$100,598.76 down payment and the remainder of \$4,875,000 financed over seven (7) years, with available funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and future payments to be made from designated budget lines; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon will enter into a municipal lease agreement with NCL to finance the acquisition of new DPW vehicles and equipment to restore the department’s operational capacity and establish a sustainable fleet management framework; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Lease Agreement. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, is hereby authorized to enter into a municipal lease agreement with Lease Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital (“NCL”) for the acquisition of new vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works fleet as outlined in the attached procurement list.

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Section 2. Acquisition Details. The acquisition will include the purchase of the following equipment from designated dealers:

NOT ADOPTED

Dealer	Equipment	Number of Units	Price Per Unit	Total
Tracey Road Equipment	Trucks	5	249,220.00	1,246,100.00
Long Island Sanitation	Sweepers	2	321,511.00	643,022.00
TLG Peterbilt	Garbage Trucks	4	268,912.00	1,075,648.00
Timberland	Grapple Truck	1	238,000.00	238,000.00
Jesco	624 Loader	1	276,299.86	276,299.86
Nielsen Ford	Vans	3	63,022.50	189,067.50
Truis Inc	Titian Pro	1	78,450.00	78,450.00
Super Products	Jeper Jet 1080	1	369,126.08	369,126.08
Cruiser Division	2024 Ram 5500	3	110,235.64	33,706.92
Westchester Tractor	Chipper	1	87,994.40	87,994.40
Altec	Bucket Truck	1	236,523.00	236,523.00
Robert Green Truck	DPW Supervisor(s)	4	41,063.50	164,254.00
Customer Truck- Terex	Terex LT40 Ram	1	162,407.00	162,407.00
Mt. Kisco Chevrolet	5500 Mayor's Office	1	85,000.00	85,000.00
Mt. Kisco Chevrolet	Comptroller's Office	1	60,000.00	60,000.00
Mt. Kisco Chevrolet	Assessor's Office	1	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL:				\$4,975,598.76

Section 3. Funding. The financing of the new vehicles and equipment will be covered through the following sources:

- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds** from budget line A8160.203ARP.
- A transfer of \$100,598.76 from budget line A8170.447ARP to A8160.203ARP for the down payment.
- Annual payments starting in 2026 will be made from budget lines A1640.203 and A8160.203.

Section 4. Fleet Management Plan. The Department of Public Works is directed to implement comprehensive fleet management policies and procedures, including replacement schedules, to ensure future acquisitions are properly planned and executed, preventing a repeat of the current fleet's state of disrepair.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
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President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO
CO-SPONSOR THE ANNUAL BREAST CANCER WALK
WITH MONTEFIORE EINSTEIN MOUNT VERNON**

Whereas, by letter dated March 4, 2024, the Commissioner of the Recreation Department has requested legislation authorizing the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the Annual Breast Cancer Walk with Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, breast cancer is a devastating disease that has affected countless individuals and families; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to promoting awareness and encouraging early detection through community events; and

Whereas, the Annual Breast Cancer Walk, co-sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon, brings the community together to honor survivors, remember loved ones, and raise awareness of the importance of annual mammograms and early detection; and

Whereas, this event will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2024, starting at Mount Vernon City Hall and proceeding to Brush Park and Memorial Field, culminating in a community gathering and Silent Disco at Memorial Field; and

Whereas, funds for this event shall be taken from Budget Code A7620.464 (Cultural Civic Adult Education) and will not exceed the \$2,500.00 allocation plus any revenue received; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon aims to promote solidarity, support, and health awareness within the community by co-sponsoring this important event; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Co-Sponsor the Breast Cancer Walk. The Department of Recreation is authorized to co-sponsor the Annual Breast Cancer Walk with Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Section 2. Definitions:

- **Breast Cancer Walk:** This is a community event to raise awareness, support breast cancer survivors, and promote early detection.
- **Silent Disco:** This is a celebratory event where participants wear wireless headphones and dance to music, creating a unique and engaging experience.
- **MVPD:** Mount Vernon Police Department, responsible for ensuring the safety of participants during the walk.

Section 3. Route of the Walk. The walk will begin at Mount Vernon City Hall and proceed along the following route:

- **1st leg:** City Hall to Brush Park via 5th Avenue to West 7th Street.
- **2nd leg:** Brush Park to The Stadium at Memorial Field via 7th Street to South 5th Avenue and Sanford Boulevard.
- **3rd leg:** Final destination at Memorial Field, where participants will walk the track, and the community will be welcomed to walk with the participants, followed by a Silent Disco celebration.

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Section 4. Police Support. The Mount Vernon Police Department is requested to provide a patrol car escort for the walk and assist participants in crossing streets along the designated route. It is recommended that participants of this procession utilize the sidewalk at all times. It is also suggested that a patrol supervisor monitor this event and a front and rear escort be provided. If additional manpower is needed, the supervisor should be authorized to hire the necessary number of officers, on an overtime basis, at the expense of the applicant.

Section 5. Funding. The Annual Breast Cancer Walk will be funded from Budget Code A7620.464 (Cultural Civic Adult Education) and shall not exceed \$2,500.00 plus any revenue generated from the event.

Section 6. Purpose and Community Impact. This event's purpose is to raise awareness about breast cancer, encourage annual mammograms, and support the survivors and families affected by the disease. It serves as a reminder of the importance of early detection and communal support in the fight against this devastating disease. It also allows the Mount Vernon community to unite against breast cancer and promote public health.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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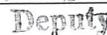

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**THIS ORDINANCE
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ATTEST:

 Deputy City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE NATIONAL 10-MINUTE
WALK TO THE PARK DAY EVENT WITH THE TRUST
FOR PUBLIC LAND AND MONTEFIORE EINSTEIN
MOUNT VERNON**

Whereas, by letter dated September 25, 2024, the Commissioner of the Recreation Department has requested legislation authorizing the co-sponsorship of the National 10-Minute Walk to Park Day on Thursday, October 10, 2024, in collaboration with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon, and local schools; and

Whereas, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to creating parks and ensuring that everyone has access to green spaces within a 10-minute walk of their home; and

Whereas, parks and green spaces are essential for physical health, mental well-being, and fostering community connections; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to promoting the health and well-being of its residents through access to parks and green spaces; and

Whereas, on October 10, 2024, TPL will celebrate National Walk to a Park Day, encouraging individuals to take a walk to their nearest park and recognize the many benefits of green spaces; and

Whereas, the Department of Recreation, in collaboration with TPL, Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon, and local schools, will co-sponsor this event to further engage the community in the celebration of parks and healthy living; and

Whereas, this event serves as a public initiative to highlight the importance of parks for both individual and community health, promoting the idea that all residents should live within short walking distance of a park; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Co-Sponsor the National 10-Minute Walk to Park Day. The Department of Recreation is authorized to co-sponsor the National 10-Minute Walk to Park Day on Thursday, October 10, 2024, in collaboration with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon, and local schools.

Definitions:

- **Trust for Public Land (TPL):** A national nonprofit organization dedicated to creating parks and protecting land for public use, ensuring access to nature and open spaces for everyone.
- **National Walk to Park Day:** An annual event organized by TPL, encouraging people to walk to their nearest park and enjoy the benefits of green spaces, including physical health, mental well-being, and community connection.
- **Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon:** A healthcare institution in Mount Vernon partnering with the city to promote health and well-being through events like the National Walk to Park Day.
- **10-Minute Walk to Park:** As promoted by TPL, the goal is to ensure that every resident lives within a 10-minute walk of a public park.



NOT ADOPTED

Section 2. Event Details. The event will take place throughout the day. Participants are encouraged to walk to their nearest park and engage in various activities emphasizing the importance of green spaces. The walk will take place on sidewalks throughout the city, with times to be determined and communicated by the Department of Recreation.

Section 3. Community Engagement. The City will partner with local schools and Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon to maximize community participation and foster awareness about the importance of parks for physical and mental well-being. The event will provide opportunities for residents of all ages to connect with their local parks.

Section 4. Funding. Funds for the promotion and organization of this event will be sourced from the Department of Recreation's existing budget. No additional allocation is required at this time.

Section 5. Impact on the Community. The National Walk to Park Day event aims to raise awareness of the importance of parks and encourage Mount Vernon residents to use public green spaces more frequently. By promoting physical activity and outdoor recreation, the event will contribute to the overall health and vitality of the community.

6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the City Council.

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024 :

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

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Dept. _____

By _____
Mayor

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**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING
COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS
FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON**

Whereas, under New York State Executive Law § 139, the City Council shall, in November in every even-numbered year, by resolution, determine the number of Commissioners of Deeds to be appointed by the City ; and

Whereas, Section 14 of the Charter of the City of Mount Vernon, states that the Mayor shall appoint as many Commissioners of Deeds as authorized by the City Council; and

Whereas, the terms of appointment for such Commissioners of Deeds shall be for two (2) years and shall commence from the date of this resolution until the 31st day of December of the next even year; and

Whereas, the City Council has determined that the number of Commissioners of Deeds to be appointed by the Mayor is to be no more than 100; and

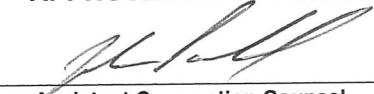
Whereas, the Mayor wishes to appoint up to 100 Commissioners of Deeds for the City of Mount Vernon, as indicated in Appendix A; **Now, Therefore, be it**

Resolved, that this City Council does hereby determine the number of Commissioners of Deeds to be no more than 100; and

Resolved that the Mayor has the authority to appoint up to 100 Commissioners of Deeds, as indicated in Appendix A, commencing from the date of this resolution until the 31st day of December of the next even year.

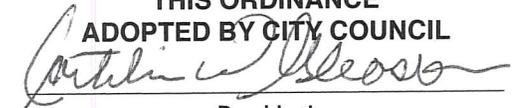
Resolved, this ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**


President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

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By _____
Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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APPENDIX A

September 25, 2024

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

Re: Appointment of Commissioners of Deeds

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I request to appoint the following individuals as Commissioners of Deeds:

1. Taryn Vanderberg, Timekeeper, DPW
2. Dulce Lima, Secretary to Commissioner, Fire Department
3. Janet Lopez, Senior Accountant, Fire Department
4. Gina Donaldson, Secretary to Corporation Counsel
5. Darren Morton, Comptroller
6. Vontoria Roberson, Secretary to Comptroller
7. Jalyce Eugene, Finance and Employee Benefits Specialist, Comptroller's Office
8. Jasmine Isaac-Hodge, Clerk, Police Department
9. Carlton Spruill, Commissioner, Water Department
10. Lisa Copeland, Former City Council Member
11. Patricia Fleming, Secretary to City Clerk
12. Kathleen Walker-Pinckney, Commissioner, Recreation Department
13. Tomeka Graham-Ouattara, Secretary to Commissioner, Planning and Community Development
14. Beverly P. Morris
15. Tonya Bagby
16. Lisa Autieri
17. Rita James
18. Kinverling Molina-Saenz
19. Brenda Gears
20. Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Assistant to the City Council
21. Nicole Bonilla, Deputy City Clerk

These individuals will be appointed for a two-year term beginning September 25, 2024, and expiring September 24, 2026. The underlined names are employees of the Mount Vernon City School District.

Sincerely,



Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Mayor, City of Mount Vernon

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF THE ROUNDABOUT LOCATED AT LINCOLN AVENUE AND GRAMATAN AVENUE IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR ERNEST D. DAVIS

NOT ADOPTED

Whereas, by letter dated October 2, 2024, the City Council President has requested legislation authorizing the Renaming of the Roundabout located at Lincoln Avenue and Gramatan Avenue in Honor of Former Mayor Ernest D. Davis, whose visionary leadership transformed the area and significantly improved the safety and functionality of the intersection; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to honor individuals whose leadership, vision, and commitment have significantly contributed to the growth, safety, and prosperity of the City; and

Whereas, former Mayor Ernest D. Davis, elected in 1996 as Mount Vernon's 19th Mayor, played a pivotal role in the resurgence of the City through his innovative leadership and transformative urban planning initiatives; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Mayor Davis, the dangerous four-way intersection at Lincoln Avenue and Gramatan Avenue was transformed into a functional roundabout, improving traffic flow, reducing accidents, and enhancing public safety; and

Whereas, Mayor Davis's leadership extended beyond infrastructure, as he championed causes that uplifted Mount Vernon's youth, promoted inclusivity, and fostered economic and social progress, leaving a lasting legacy of civic growth and community development; and

Whereas, Mayor Davis's architectural expertise and focus on smart infrastructure resulted in significant revitalization efforts across the City, making Mount Vernon a regional hub for business and community growth; and

Whereas, it is fitting to honor Mayor Ernest D. Davis by renaming the Lincoln Avenue and Gramatan Avenue roundabout as the "Ernest D. Davis Roundabout" to commemorate his transformative contributions and to ensure future generations remember his lasting impact on the City of Mount Vernon; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Renaming of the Lincoln and Gramatan Roundabout. The roundabout located at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Gramatan Avenue shall be officially renamed as the "Ernest D. Davis Roundabout" in honor of former Mayor Ernest D. Davis, whose visionary leadership transformed the area and significantly improved the safety and functionality of the intersection.

Section 2. Commemorative Ceremony. The City Council authorizes the organization of a renaming plaque ceremony to be held at Hartley Park on November 3, 2024, in honor of Mayor Ernest D. Davis. Invitations will be sent to local, County, and State officials, and news coverage and social media announcements will be coordinated to ensure broad public recognition of this honor.

Section 3. Public Safety and Traffic Control. The Mount Vernon Police Department is hereby authorized to provide auxiliary police officers for traffic control and to ensure the safety of participants during the ceremony.

Section 4. Plaque and Signage. The Department of Public Works is authorized and directed to install appropriate signage at the roundabout, reflecting its new designation as the "Ernest D. Davis Roundabout." A commemorative plaque shall also be placed at the site to recognize Mayor Davis' contributions to the City.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

Dept. _____

By _____ Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION
OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON'S FIRST
COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Whereas, by letter dated September 16, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources has requested legislation authorizing the City of Mount Vernon to adopt the comprehensive employee handbook developed and reviewed by the Human Resources Department as the guide for all City employees. The handbook shall cover, but is not limited to, the following key topics and policies; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the need to establish clear and consistent guidelines for all City employees and management to foster fairness, transparency, and equity in the workplace; and

Whereas, the Human Resources Department, established in 2008, has developed a comprehensive employee handbook to provide guidance on employee management, standards of conduct, and workplace policies, ensuring alignment with modern legal and operational standards; and

Whereas, the employee handbook will serve as a dynamic document, subject to annual updates to reflect changes in laws, mandates, and legislation introduced by the City, thereby maintaining the relevance and effectiveness of City policies; and

Whereas, outside counsel has thoroughly reviewed the final draft of the employee handbook to ensure legal accuracy and alignment with best practices in human resources; and

Whereas, the adoption of this handbook will help reduce confusion, enhance fairness, and bring consistency to employee management across the City's workforce; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes the need for all City employees, regardless of their date of hire, to adhere to and acknowledge the handbook, its rules, and policies to ensure uniformity and fairness across departments; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Definitions:

Employee Handbook: A document that outlines the City's expectations, policies, and guidelines for all employees, covering topics such as employee conduct, workplace policies, benefits, and leave entitlements.

City Employees: All individuals employed by the City of Mount Vernon, including full-time, part-time, and temporary staff.

Section 2. Adoption of the Employee Handbook. The City of Mount Vernon adopts the comprehensive employee handbook developed and reviewed by the Human Resources Department as the guide for all City employees. The handbook shall cover, but is not limited to, the following key topics and policies:

- Anti-Discrimination Policy
- Anti-Harassment Policy
- Non-Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities
- Violence in the Workplace
- Vehicle Policy
- Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy
- Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy
- Employee Standards of Conduct
- Worker's Compensation

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- Personal Appearance Guidelines
- Breaks/Meal Periods
- Breaks for Nursing Mothers
- Bereavement Leave
- Jury/Court Leave
- Military Leave
- Blood Donation Leave
- Breast and Prostate Cancer Screening Leave
- Paid Leave for Bone Marrow Donors
- Voting Time
- Electronic Communications Systems Policy
- Work During Weather Emergencies or Disasters

Section 3. Updating and Maintenance of the Handbook. The Human Resources Department shall review and update the employee handbook annually to reflect evolving laws, mandates, and City legislation. Any amendments or updates to the handbook shall be communicated to all employees promptly.

Section 4. Employee Acknowledgement and Adherence. All City employees, regardless of their hire date, must adhere to and acknowledge the rules and policies outlined in the employee handbook. Employees shall sign an acknowledgment form confirming their understanding and compliance upon receiving the handbook.

Section 5. Enforcement and Compliance. Failure to comply with the policies and procedures outlined in the employee handbook may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, as deemed appropriate by the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and the policies outlined in the employee handbook shall be enforced upon its adoption by the City Council.

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted


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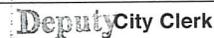
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President

ATTEST:


 Deputy City Clerk

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By _____
 Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY OFFICE OF
SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UNDER THE
WELLNESS IN NUTRITION (WIN) AND NUTRITION
SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NSIP)**

Whereas, by letter dated September 19, 2024, the Commissioner of the Recreation Department has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services to participate in the Wellness in Nutrition (WIN) and Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) for the contract period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to supporting the health and well-being of its senior citizens; and

Whereas, the Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services offers programs such as the Wellness in Nutrition (WIN) and Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP), which provide vital nutrition services to seniors in our community; and

Whereas the City of Mount Vernon seeks to continue its partnership with the Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services for the contract period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, to provide these essential services; and

Whereas, the total funding available for this agreement includes \$106,210 from the Area Agency and \$16,349 from the NSIP, for a total budget of \$122,559; and

Whereas, the funds for this agreement will be deposited in Revenue Code A4803.1 and appropriated in Budget Codes A6774.104 & A6774.479; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into Agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized to retroactively enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services to participate in the Wellness in Nutrition (WIN) and Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) for the contract period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

Section 2. Definitions:

- **Wellness in Nutrition (WIN) Program:** A county-administered program providing nutrition services to seniors, promoting healthy eating and well-being.
- **Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP):** A federally funded program that provides additional financial support to supplement the cost of meals served to seniors.
- **Area Agency:** The Westchester County Office of Senior Programs and Services administers various programs that support the health and wellness of senior citizens.

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Section 3. Funding. The total budget for this agreement shall not exceed \$122,559, which includes \$106,210 from the Area Agency and \$16,349 from NSIP. Funds for this contract shall be deposited in Revenue Code A4803.1 and appropriated to Budget Codes A6774.104 (Salaries) and A6774.479 (Program Services).

Section 4. Purpose. This agreement aims to provide nutrition services to senior citizens in the City of Mount Vernon through the Wellness in Nutrition (WIN) Program and the Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP), ensuring that seniors receive nutritious meals that contribute to their overall health and well-being.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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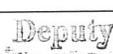
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President

ATTEST:

 Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER
OF \$146,330 FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE
NEW VEHICLES FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Whereas, by letter dated September 23, 2024, the Commissioner of the Recreation Department has requested legislation authorizing the transfer of \$146,330 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, specifically from Budget Code A7020.203ARP (Equipment), to purchase three (3) new Recreation Department vehicles; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon's Recreation Department requires two additional vehicles for the Meals on Wheels program and one vehicle for the Commissioner of Recreation to perform city business and duties effectively; and

Whereas, the Meals on Wheels program serves over 200 home-bound seniors in the City of Mount Vernon daily, and the meals must be delivered at a specified temperature in compliance with the Westchester County Nutrition Program guidelines; and

Whereas, the lack of sufficient vehicles has created challenges in delivering meals on time and in compliance with temperature requirements, and the absence of a vehicle for the Commissioner requires the use of personal transportation for city business; and

Whereas, the Recreation Department has identified the need for the purchase of three vehicles: two (2) 2024 Ford Edge vehicles for the Meals on Wheels program and one (1) Ford E-Transit Cargo Van for the Commissioner, for a total cost not to exceed \$146,330; and

Whereas, the funding for the purchase of these vehicles is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in budget code A7020.203ARP Equipment; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Definitions:

- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds:** Federal funds allocated to assist state and local governments in addressing the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Meals on Wheels Program:** A service provided by the City's Recreation Department that delivers meals to home-bound seniors.
- **Commissioner Vehicle:** A vehicle assigned for the use of the Commissioner of Recreation for city-related business and duties.

Section 2. Authorization to Transfer Funds. The City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$146,330 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, specifically from Budget Code A7020.203ARP (Equipment), to purchase three (3) new Recreation Department vehicles.

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Section 3. Vehicle Specifications. The Recreation Department is authorized to purchase the following vehicles under Sourcewell Awarded Contracts:

- Two (2) 2024 Ford Edge vehicles for \$44,460 each, to be used for the Meals on Wheels program.
- One (1) Ford E-Transit Cargo Van for \$57,410, to be assigned to the Commissioner of Recreation for city-related duties.

The total vehicle cost, including minor updates, shall be at most \$146,330.

Section 4: Use of Vehicles. The two (2) 2024 Ford Edge vehicles will be used exclusively for the Meals on Wheels program to ensure timely and compliant meal deliveries to home-bound seniors.

- The Commissioner of Recreation will utilize the Ford E-Transit Cargo Van for official city business, ensuring proper transportation is available for city-related duties.

Section 5: Funding. The purchase of these vehicles shall be funded through ARPA funds allocated to the City of Mount Vernon, specifically Budget Code A7020.203ARP (Equipment).

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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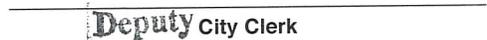
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Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

By _____
Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MARCUS MCCUTCHEN FOR ONE YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 9, 2024

Whereas, by letter dated September 23, 2024, the Commissioner of the Recreation Department has requested legislation authorizing a leave of absence for Marcus McCutchen, Recreation Maintenance Worker in the Recreation Department, for one year, commencing on October 9, 2024, and concluding on October 8, 2025; and

Whereas, Marcus McCutchen is a valuable employee of the City of Mount Vernon, serving as a Recreation Maintenance Worker in the Recreation Department; and

Whereas, Mr. McCutchen has demonstrated a solid commitment to the City and its residents through his hard work, responsibility, and dedication, making significant contributions to the Recreation Department; and

Whereas, Mr. McCutchen has requested a leave of absence from his duties for professional development and career advancement for one year, commencing on October 9, 2024; and

Whereas, Mr. McCutchen has decided to work with another staff member in the Recreation Department to ensure his duties are covered during his leave of absence; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon supports the professional endeavors of its employees and recognizes the importance of career advancement and personal growth; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Granting Leave of Absence. The City Council authorizes Marcus McCutchen, Recreation Maintenance Worker in the Recreation Department, for one year, commencing on October 9, 2024, and concluding on October 8, 2025.

Section 2. Continuity of Duties. Mr. McCutchen shall collaborate with another staff member in the Recreation Department to ensure that his responsibilities are adequately fulfilled during his leave of absence. The City Council acknowledges Mr. McCutchen's proactive steps in ensuring that his absence will not disrupt the department's operations.

Section 3. Support for Professional Development. The City Council recognizes Mr. McCutchen's commitment to professional growth and fully supports his endeavors during this leave of absence. The city values his contributions and looks forward to his return following the conclusion of his leave period.

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

Derrick Thompson
Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

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Date

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By _____
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO SPONSOR THE
8TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FEST AND CARVING EVENT**

NOT
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Whereas, by letter dated October 2, 2024, the Commissioner of the Recreation Department has requested legislation authorizing them to sponsor the 8th Annual Pumpkin Fest and Carving Event, which will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at Memorial Field from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, the Department of Recreation of the City of Mount Vernon seeks to foster community engagement through events that encourage participation from all residents; and

Whereas, the Pumpkin Fest is an eagerly anticipated event by the entire community, featuring games, pumpkin carving contests, and various activities that promote family and community participation, and;

Whereas, the 8th Annual Pumpkin Fest and Carving Event will provide a fun, safe, and enjoyable environment for families and individuals to engage in pumpkin carving, games, and various activities for all ages; and

Whereas, the event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at Memorial Field from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, the Department of Recreation requests assistance from the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD), and the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) to ensure the success and safety of the event; and

Whereas, the DPW is requested to assist with cleanup, including the provision of garbage trucks to remove hay and pumpkins, and the MVPD is requested to provide auxiliary police to patrol the event, while the MVYB is requested to supply cotton candy, popcorn, and volunteers, and;

Whereas, funding for the event will be sourced from Budget Code A7310.104, which allocates \$1,500 for minimal staffing (eight staff members), and Budget Code A7310.402, which allocates \$3,000 for materials and supplies; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Host the 8th Annual Pumpkin Fest. The City Council hereby authorizes the Department of Recreation to sponsor the 8th Annual Pumpkin Fest and Carving Event, which will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at Memorial Field from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Section 2. Assistance from City Departments. The City Council authorizes the following City departments to assist with the event as follows:

- **Department of Public Works (DPW):** Provide assistance with cleanup, including the use of garbage trucks to remove hay and pumpkins.
- **Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD):** Provide auxiliary police to patrol the event and ensure the safety of participants.
- **Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB):** Provide cotton candy, popcorn, and volunteers to help facilitate event activities.

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Section 3. Funding Allocation:

Funding for the event shall be drawn from the following sources:

- **Budget Code A7310.104:** \$1,500 allocated for minimal staffing (eight staff members).
- **Budget Code A7310.402:** \$3,000 allocated for materials and supplies necessary for the event.

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

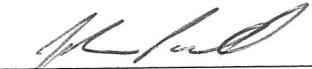
Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

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Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU TO HOST THE ANNUAL NATIONAL "LIGHTS ON AFTER-SCHOOL" EVENT AT CITY HALL PLAZA

NOT ADOPTED

Whereas, by letter dated September 18, 2024, the Deputy Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau to organize and host the annual National "Lights on After-School" event at City Hall Plaza on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the critical importance of positive youth development programs, particularly during the hours between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. when many children are unsupervised, and the need to provide safe and enriching activities to promote youth success; and

Whereas, the National "Lights On After-School" initiative is a nationwide event held at over 7,500 locations, celebrating after-school programs and their role in keeping youth engaged, safe, and inspired; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, in collaboration with the Department of Recreation, the Boys & Girls Club, ECM School, YCOP, and other community-based organizations, will be participating in the annual "Lights on After-School" event to showcase the many positive youth programs available in the City; and

Whereas, the event will take place at City Hall Plaza on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and will serve as a platform to send a clear message that the City of Mount Vernon is committed to keeping the "lights on" and doors open for youth and their families; and

Whereas, hosting this event will provide the community with an opportunity to learn more about after-school programs, engage with local organizations, and demonstrate the City's ongoing support for children and families; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Definitions.

Youth Bureau: The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau is a city department responsible for providing services and programs that support youth development.

Lights On After-School Event: A national event organized by the Afterschool Alliance to celebrate and promote the importance of after-school programs.

City Hall Plaza: The public square in front of Mount Vernon City Hall, designated as the event location for the 2024 "Lights on After-School" celebration.

Section 2. Authorization to Host Event. The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau is authorized to organize and host the annual National "Lights on After-School" event at City Hall Plaza on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Section 3. Event Collaboration and Participation. The event will involve collaboration between the Youth Bureau, the Department of Recreation, and community-based organizations, including but not limited to the Boys & Girls Club, ECM School, and YCOP. These organizations will showcase the programs and resources available to Mount Vernon's youth and families.

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NOT ADOPTED

Section 4. Traffic Control and Public Safety. The City's Department of Public Safety and Department of Public Works shall coordinate to ensure traffic control and public safety measures are in place for the duration of the event. This includes road closures, if necessary, and ensuring the safety of attendees at City Hall Plaza.

Section 5. Funding and Logistics. The Youth Bureau and other supporting departments coordinate the event's logistics, including setting up equipment, arranging activities, and managing vendor participation. Any associated costs will be funded through the Youth Bureau's budget.

Section 6. Community Outreach and Public Engagement. The City encourages all residents, parents, and community organizations to participate in the "Lights On After-School" event and to engage with the many resources and programs that will be showcased.

Section 7. Effective Date of Ordinance. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Brown: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel


Councilperson

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ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR SEVEN YOUTH
BUREAU STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE
52ND ANNUAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE**

Whereas, by letter dated September 18, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to grant permission for seven Mount Vernon Youth Bureau staff members, including the Executive Director, to attend the 52nd Annual Youth Development Leadership Training Conference; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of ongoing professional development and networking opportunities for its Youth Bureau staff to enhance youth development programs and initiatives; and

Whereas, the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus (ANYSYB) is hosting its 52nd Annual Youth Development Leadership Training Conference at The Sonesta Hotel in White Plains, New York, from October 22nd to October 24th, 2024; and

Whereas, this three-day conference provides a unique opportunity for youth bureau professionals to engage in state-wide, regional, and local discussions on youth development, access timely information on policies, regulations, innovations, and funding, and collaborate on initiatives that impact positive youth development; and

Whereas, seven staff members of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, including the Executive Director, are scheduled to attend the conference, with the estimated costs to be covered under existing budgetary provisions; and

Whereas, the total estimated cost for registration, meals, and travel for seven attendees is \$1,726.00, with funds to be accounted for in Revenue Code A2229.8 and appropriations from Budget Codes A7311.423 (Conference Expense) and A7311.402 (Travel Expense); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Definitions:

Youth Bureau: The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau is a city department responsible for developing and implementing youth-focused programs and services.

ANYSYB: The Association of New York State Youth Bureaus is a statewide organization providing advocacy, training, and networking opportunities for youth development professionals.

Conference: The 52nd Annual Youth Development Leadership Training Conference, to be held at The Sonesta Hotel in White Plains, NY, from October 22-24, 2024.

Section 2: Authorization. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to grant permission for seven Mount Vernon Youth Bureau staff members, including the Executive Director, to attend the 52nd Annual Youth Development Leadership Training Conference.

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Section 3. Funding. The total estimated cost for the seven staff members to attend the conference, including registration, per diem commuter meals, and gas reimbursement, is as follows:

- **Registration:** \$150.00 per person for six staff members (Executive Director attends free) = \$900.00
- **Per Diem Commuter Meals:** \$74.00 per person for seven staff members for three days = \$518.00
- **Gas Reimbursement:** \$0.67 per mile for 91.80 miles per day for three days for five staff members = \$308.00

The estimated cost of \$1,726.00 shall be funded through Revenue Codes A2229.8 and Budget Codes A7311.423 (Conference Expense) and A7311.402 (Travel Expense).

Section 4. Responsibilities. The Youth Bureau Executive Director shall oversee all arrangements for the participation of the seven staff members, ensuring proper adherence to budgetary and administrative requirements.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent
Potat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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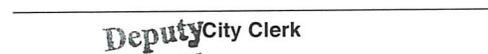

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THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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ATTEST:


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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ENTER INTO A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH
ALPINE SOFTWARE CORPORATION INC. FOR THE
REDALERT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
SOFTWARE FOR MOUNT VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Whereas, by letter dated September 24, 2024, the Commissioner of the Fire Department has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into a renewal agreement with Alpine Software Corporation Inc. for the continued provision of the RedAlert Records Management System (RMS) Software for the Mount Vernon Fire Department. The term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and

Whereas, the Mount Vernon Fire Department relies on the RedAlert Records Management System (RMS) Software provided by Alpine Software Corporation Inc. to manage its records and facilitate efficient operations, including the provision of Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) services for the Fire Alarm Bureau (FAB) dispatching; and

Whereas, the current agreement for RedAlert RMS Software is due for renewal, and the Fire Administration is requesting authorization for the Mayor to enter into a renewal agreement with Alpine Software Corporation Inc. for the period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and

Whereas, the total cost of this annual agreement is \$12,641.00, and sufficient funds for this expenditure are available in the department budget under Maintenance to Equipment, Budget Code A3410.404; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1 Definitions:

- **RedAlert Records Management System (RMS):** A software platform provided by Alpine Software Corporation Inc. that is used to manage records, including incident reports, personnel data, and other essential functions of the Mount Vernon Fire Department. It also provides Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) services for fire alarm dispatching.
- **Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD):** A system that automates the process of dispatching emergency services such as fire, medical, and law enforcement resources in response to incidents.
- **Fire Alarm Bureau (FAB):** The unit within the Mount Vernon Fire Department is responsible for receiving and dispatching emergency fire alarms.

Section 2. Authorization to Enter into Agreement. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into a renewal agreement with Alpine Software Corporation Inc. for the continued provision of the RedAlert Records Management System (RMS) Software for the Mount Vernon Fire Department. The term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Section 3. Funding. The total cost of the annual agreement is \$12,641.00. This expenditure shall be funded from the Fire Department's budget under Budget Code A3410.404 (Maintenance to Equipment).

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Section 4. Purpose and Use of the RedAlert System. The Mount Vernon Fire Department shall use the RedAlert Records Management System (RMS) to manage all essential records, including incident reports, personnel information, and other operational data. Additionally, the system shall continue to provide Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) services to the Fire Alarm Bureau (FAB), ensuring timely and efficient dispatching of fire department resources.

Section 5. Term. The agreement's term shall be one year, commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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**THIS ORDINANCE
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President

ATTEST:

 Deputy City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING PERMISSION TO
THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY
("CON EDISON") TO CONDUCT A TEST BOREHOLE
FOR THE THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK PILOT
PROJECT AT THE DOLES RECREATION CENTER**

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Whereas, by letter dated September 18, 2024, the Director of Business Development has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Consolidated Edison Company ("Con Edison"), including its employees, agents, contractors, and representatives, to drill, install, operate, maintain, and conduct necessary activities related to the Test Borehole in the green space of the Doles Recreation Center, located at 260 South 6th Avenue, for the Urban Thermal Energy Network (UTEN) pilot project; and

Whereas, the New York State Public Service Commission ("NYS PSC") has issued **PSC Order # 22-M-0429**, requiring Consolidated Edison Company ("Con Edison") to propose at least one thermal energy network pilot project; and

Whereas, Con Edison has proposed three such thermal energy network pilot projects, one of which is located within the City of Mount Vernon, New York; and

Whereas, Con Edison has discussed the details of the proposed **Urban Thermal Energy Network (UTEN)** pilot project with Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, the City Council, Comptroller Morton, and the residents of Mount Vernon at a City Council meeting in June 2024; and

Whereas, Con Edison has requested permission from the City of Mount Vernon to drill a test borehole in the green space area located at the intersection of South 7th Avenue and West 4th Street, which is part of the city-owned Doles Recreation Center, located at 260 South 6th Avenue; and

Whereas, the purpose of this test borehole is to assess the feasibility of utilizing this location for the thermal energy network as part of the UTEN pilot project; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to support initiatives that promote sustainable energy solutions and modernize infrastructure while ensuring proper consultation with relevant departments and stakeholders; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Con Edison. The City Council hereby grants permission to the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Consolidated Edison Company ("Con Edison"), including its employees, agents, contractors, and representatives, to drill, install, operate, maintain, and conduct necessary activities related to the Test Borehole in the green space of the Doles Recreation Center, located at 260 South 6th Avenue, for the Urban Thermal Energy Network (UTEN) pilot project.

Section 2. Scope of Permitted Activities. Con Edison is authorized to perform the following activities within the designated area:

1. **Drilling of Test Borehole:** Con Edison may conduct drilling operations to assess the suitability of the location for the thermal energy network.
2. **Installation and Operation:** Con Edison is authorized to install and operate any equipment necessary for the test and subsequent evaluations.
3. **Maintenance and Monitoring:** Con Edison may perform ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the borehole and related equipment to ensure the project's integrity and compliance with all safety regulations.

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Section 3. Additional Locations and Approvals. If Con Edison reasonably determines that the initial test borehole location is unsuitable for the project, the company shall be required to:

1. **Submit a Request for an Alternative Location:** Con Edison must submit a formal request for an alternative borehole location to the following city agencies:

- o The Department of Public Works – Office of Sustainability, directed by Shayne Brooks.
- o The City of Mount Vernon Industrial Development Agency – Office of Business Development, directed by Robin Mack.

2. **Receive Consent Prior to Proceeding:** The relevant city departments must consent to use any alternative location before commencing any further drilling or activities at an alternative site.

Section 4. Compliance with Regulatory Standards. All drilling, installation, and related activities must comply with the **New York State Public Service Commission** standards, environmental regulations, and all other applicable local, state, and federal laws. Con Edison shall ensure that all activities conducted on the site are safe and environmentally responsible.

Section 5. Indemnification and Liability. Con Edison agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Mount Vernon, its officials, employees, agents, and contractors from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from the drilling, installation, operation, and maintenance of the test borehole and related equipment.

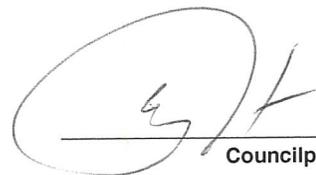
Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Absent
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

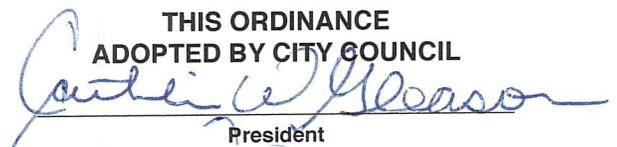
Vote Taken As Follows: 9/25/2024
Boxhill: Nay Brown: Abstain
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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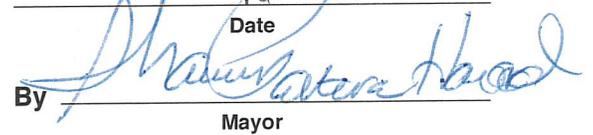
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL CONTRACT
AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
FOR FUEL INSPECTION AND TESTING SERVICES**

Whereas, by letter dated September 18, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard to enter into a renewal contract agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029. This agreement allows the Mount Vernon Consumer Protection Department to conduct fuel inspections, screening tests, and fuel sampling at retail fuel outlets per the standards set by the state; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon, through its Consumer Protection Department, performs important regulatory functions, including conducting inspections, screening tests, and sampling fuel stored at retail fuel outlets to ensure compliance with state standards; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has an existing contract with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to provide these services, which is set to expire; and

Whereas, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has proposed to renew this contract for a new period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029, under which the City of Mount Vernon will continue to conduct inspections and fuel testing at retail fuel outlets within the city limits; and

Whereas, the City will be reimbursed up to \$11,550.00 for costs incurred in performing the required number of tests as stipulated in the agreement, and such reimbursements will be allocated to revenue code A6610 (Sealer of Weights & Measures); and

Whereas, it is necessary for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into this agreement to ensure that these essential services continue without interruption and that the City receives proper reimbursement for its work; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to enter into Contract Renewal. The City Council authorizes Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard to enter into a renewal contract agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029. This agreement allows the Mount Vernon Consumer Protection Department to conduct fuel inspections, screening tests, and fuel sampling at retail fuel outlets per the standards set by the state.

Section 2. Reimbursement and Revenue Allocation. Under this agreement, the City of Mount Vernon shall be reimbursed for costs incurred in performing inspections up to \$11,550.00. These funds will be allocated to revenue code A6610 (Sealer of Weights & Measures) to cover the costs associated with performing the required tests.

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Section 3. Scope of Work. The scope of work under this agreement includes:

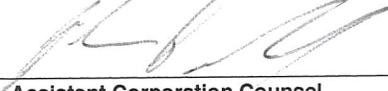
- Conducting inspections and tests of fuel stored at retail outlets within the City of Mount Vernon.
- Performing screening tests and sample collection to ensure that fuel sold within the city complies with all applicable laws and standards.
- Providing reports and documentation to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as the contract requires.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Absent
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

Vote Taken As Follows: 9/25/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Abstain
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Abstain Ordinance Not Adopted

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Deputy

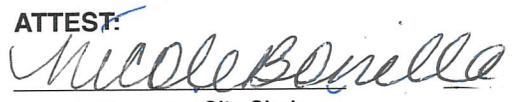


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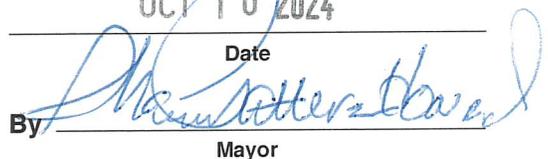

President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO HOST THE ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT ON OCTOBER 31, 2024

NOT ADOPTED

Whereas, by letter dated October 7, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing them to host its Annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the closed street in front of the Police Headquarters and a portion of City Hall Plaza; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon's Department of Public Safety wishes to host its Annual Trunk-or-Treat event to provide a safe and enjoyable Halloween experience for children and families in the community; and

Whereas, the Trunk-or-Treat event has become a valued tradition in the City, offering a controlled environment for children to trick-or-treat and enjoy Halloween festivities; and

Whereas, the proposed event is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in front of the Police Headquarters and a portion of City Hall Plaza, which will be closed to traffic for the duration of the event; and

Whereas, this year, the Department of Buildings will join the Department of Public Safety in hosting the event, utilizing and decorating city vehicles to enhance the experience for attendees; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that supporting this event aligns with its commitment to fostering community engagement and providing safe and positive activities for Mount Vernon residents; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization for Event. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to host its Annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the closed street in front of the Police Headquarters and a portion of City Hall Plaza.

Section 2. Street Closure and Traffic Control.

1. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to close the designated street area in front of Police Headquarters and a portion of City Hall Plaza for the duration of the event.

2. Appropriate signage and barricades should be placed to ensure the safety of event attendees and redirect traffic. The Mount Vernon Police Department should provide necessary crowd control personnel and manage traffic flow around the event area.

Section 3. Participation by the Department of Buildings. The Department of Buildings is authorized to participate in the event, utilizing and decorating city vehicles for display at the event site. Vehicles shall remain parked during the event for decorative purposes.

Section 4. Safety and Public Health Measures. The Department of Public Safety shall coordinate with the Department of Buildings and other relevant departments to ensure all necessary public safety and health protocols are observed, providing a safe environment for all participants.

Section 5. Budget and Funding. The Department of Public Safety may use available departmental funds to cover any costs associated with organizing and executing the Trunk-or-Treat event.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

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President

ATTEST:

[Signature] Deputy City Clerk

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By _____ Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Absent
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TWO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS OF SERVICE TO ATTEND THE IVORY TOWER TRAINING

Whereas, by letter dated October 1, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing two (2) Department of Public Safety Members to attend the Ivory Tower Training on November 18, 2024, hosted by the Westchester County Police Academy at 2 Dana Drive, Valhalla, NY; and

Whereas, the Ivory Tower Training provides essential training for law enforcement personnel, and participation will enhance the skills and knowledge of the attending officers; and

Whereas, the cost for attending the training is \$225.00 per attendee, with a total cost of \$450.00; and

Whereas, the funding for this training has been allocated from Budget Line A3120.451 (Training); and

Whereas, the attending Members of Service will utilize a department vehicle for transportation to and from the training, eliminating the need for additional transportation costs; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization. The City Council authorizes two (2) Department of Public Safety Members to attend the Ivory Tower Training on November 18, 2024, hosted by the Westchester County Police Academy at 2 Dana Drive, Valhalla, NY.

Section 2. Training Expense. The \$450.00 training costs will be paid from Budget Line A3120.451 (Training), which covers \$225.00 per attendee.

Section 3. Transportation. The Members of Service attending the training are authorized to utilize a department vehicle for transportation to and from the venue.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Potat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED BY TWO MEMBERS OF SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

Whereas, by letter dated October 2, 2024, the Commissioner of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the reimbursement of travel-related expenses, including hotel, meals, gas, and parking, incurred by two (2) Members of Service during their travel to Virginia for the purpose of apprehending a suspect involved in a homicide investigation; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to the safety and security of its residents through diligent law enforcement efforts; and

Whereas, in September 2024, two (2) Members of Service from the Department of Public Safety were required to travel to Virginia to apprehend a suspect involved in a homicide investigation; and

Whereas, during the course of this operation, said Members of Service incurred travel-related expenses, including costs for hotel, meals, gas, and parking; and

Whereas, it is necessary and appropriate to reimburse the Members of Service for these expenses in order to ensure that personnel involved in critical investigations are not personally liable for costs incurred while performing official duties; and

Whereas, the total reimbursement for travel expenses shall not exceed \$300.00, to be taken from Budget Line A3120.449 (Investigations and Trials); Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization for Reimbursement. The City Council hereby authorizes the reimbursement of travel-related expenses, including hotel, meals, gas, and parking, incurred by two (2) Members of Service during their travel to Virginia for the purpose of apprehending a suspect involved in a homicide investigation.

Section 2. Limitation of Funds. The total amount for reimbursement shall not exceed \$300.00, and the funds for reimbursement shall be allocated from Budget Line A3120.449 (Investigations and Trials).

Section 3. Documentation Requirements. The Members of Service shall provide all necessary receipts and documentation in accordance with city policies to verify the expenses incurred and ensure proper reimbursement.

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

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Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON DESIGNATING ITSELF AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS REGARDING BAMBOO LEGISLATION AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon proposes to enact Chapter 90 (Bamboo) to the Code of the City of Mount Vernon (“Code”) to adopt regulations to ban running bamboo in the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and desirable, as a matter of public policy, to regulate bamboo in the City of Mount Vernon by banning running bamboo within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in conjunction with its Staff, prepared a draft “A Local Law to Enact Chapter 90 (Bamboo) of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon to Ban Running Bamboo” (“Code Amendment”), a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Code Amendment is classified as an Unlisted Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to designate itself as Lead Agency for the uncoordinated review of the Code Amendment under SEQRA pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.6(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of scheduling a Public Hearing on the Code Amendment for October 23, 2024, pursuant to New York State Municipal Home Rule Section 20; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for review of the Code Amendment under SEQRA; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a Public Hearing on the Code Amendment on October 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers – Room 206, 1 Roosevelt Square N., Mount Vernon, New York, 10550, where public comment will be heard regarding the Code Amendment, and written comments on the Code Amendment are requested, and will be accepted by the City Council up to ten (10) days following the close of the Public Hearing; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall arrange to fulfill the notice requirements for the Public Hearing pursuant to New York State Municipal Home Rule Section 20; **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

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By _____
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024 :

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent

Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea

Gleason: Yea Ordinance Not Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMON
GROUND INSTITUTE FOR MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL
ADVISORY SERVICES RELATED TO ASSET
UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Whereas, by letter dated October 7, 2024, the Comptroller has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Common Ground Institute (CGI) to obtain Municipal Financial Advisory services in relation to asset identification, development strategies, and the facilitation of Putting Assets to Work projects; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of identifying and leveraging underutilized assets to create a sustainable pipeline of investible projects that can deliver significant community benefits; and

Whereas, the Common Ground Institute (CGI) has proposed to assist the City in identifying these assets and developing actionable strategies by leveraging municipal finance tools, blended capital approaches, and public-private partnerships to facilitate asset development; and

Whereas, CGI or its affiliates will serve as the City’s Municipal Financial Advisor, subject to state and local procurement requirements, to cultivate Putting Assets to Work projects, foster partnerships, attract private and philanthropic capital, and establish best practices for the development and scaling of such projects; and

Whereas, these services provided by CGI are funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and, therefore, come at no cost to the City of Mount Vernon, allowing the City to benefit from this initiative without impacting its own financial resources; and

Whereas, the collaboration with CGI aims to develop a framework of best practices that will be shared with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and other cities interested in public asset optimization and development; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Authorization to enter into Agreement. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Common Ground Institute (CGI) to obtain Municipal Financial Advisory services in relation to asset identification, development strategies, and the facilitation of Putting Assets to Work projects.

Section 2. Scope of Services. Under this agreement, CGI will:

1. Identify underutilized City assets with potential for development.
2. Formulate strategies to leverage municipal finance tools and blended capital approaches for asset development.
3. Assist the City in establishing public-private partnerships to create investible projects with beneficial community impacts.
4. Attract philanthropic and private capital to support project development.
5. Develop best practices for the Putting Assets to Work approach, intending to replicate and scale these strategies in Mount Vernon and other interested jurisdictions.

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Section 3. No-Cost Service. CGI's services under this agreement will be funded through a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant and will incur no direct costs to the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 4. Reporting and Best Practices Development. CGI will collaborate with the City to document and develop best practices in public asset utilization. These will be shared with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the GFOA, and other cities interested in optimizing public asset development.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/09/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Absent
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APPROVED AS TO FORM


Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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Date

By _____
Mayor

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