

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025.**

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

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

PRESIDING: Danielle Browne, President

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

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Donna Wemple, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Bronxville Field Club fire on 1/14/25 at 6 am
2. Darren Welch, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Parking situation on Hutchinson Blvd
3. Peter Tsachalis, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: No Show
4. Christopher Goad, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Property in limbo 230 S 3rd Ave
5. Delores Mack, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: No Show
6. Gabriel Thompson, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: No Show

Council Response: The council addressed the issues for the first speaker. CM Gleason reached out to the Department of Public Works Commissioner, Bush, to look into the situation. CM Gleason spoke with the speaker Goad regarding his property and they discussed the history of the issue

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by Deputy City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

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

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

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1. [TMP
-1181](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Budget Transfer Request](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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2. [TMP-1180](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter - AAMA Conference 2025](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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3. [TMP-1151](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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4. [TMP-1167](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [2025 NYSBOC Municipal Code Enforcement](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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5. [TMP-1186](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Fees in Addition to Fines-Request for Reimbursement Incurred In Response to Illicit Sewer Discharge](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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6. [TMP-1192](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Requestfor Qualifications \(RFQ\) - Design and Services rorthe City Owned Bridge Rehabilitat Avenue Bridge \(BIN2225220- Constructed 191](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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7. [TMP -1193](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [FEMA-4615-DR-NY - Hazard Mitigation Grar Project #461S-0004 CMVNY South Third & S Avenues Flood Mitigation](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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8. [TMP -1206](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [iWorq - Transfer of Funds Referral Letter](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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9. [TMP-1194](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [iworQ Referral Letter](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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10. [TMP-1171](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [01232025 Referral Letter - Senior Account Cle](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion to take items #11 - 13 as a block vote

take items as block vote

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

(City Council: A Resolution of the 11. City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Recognizing the Lifelong Dedication and Legacy of Billy Mitchell, affectionately known as "Mr. Apollo")

TMP
-1177

Code: LPW

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

(A Resolution of the City Council 12. of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Honoring the Legacy and Lifetime Achievement of Gus Williams (the "Wizard"))

TMP
-1189

Code: LPW

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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TMP
-1196

Code: LPW

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved the Consent Agenda

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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Code: HR

Attachments: [Payment Acceptance ACH and Wire Transfers](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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Code: HR

Attachments: [easter egg hunt](#)
[PD Easter Egg Response](#)
[DPW Event Responses- Easter Egg Hunt-Cincinnati](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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16. [TMP-1191](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [summer outdoor movies](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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17. [TMP-1188](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Referral letter updates](#)
[Supporting documents- BOL award letter](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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18. [TMP-1185](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [NYSBOC 2024](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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19. [TMP-1139](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Interaction Insight Referral.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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20. [TMP-1182](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Request for Legislation- FBI LEEDA Training](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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21. [TMP-1183](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Request for Legislation-Cummins Allison](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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22. [TMP-1195](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Appointments for Economic I](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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23. [TMP-1184](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Request for Legislation-RICI Livescan and Mu](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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24. [TMP-1106](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter Enact Hotel Occupancy Tax.pdf](#)
[Hotel Occupancy Tax - December 2024.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

(Request for the City Council to approve the Conveyance of 0 Vernon Avenue, an adjoining vacant lot to 286 McClellan Avenue, to Myrtle Jones and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Deed and all Required Documents for the Transfer)

25. [TMP](#)
[-1145](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [0 Vernon Avenue Referral Letter](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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26. [TMP](#)
[-1202](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Custodian Acct 22 W. First St. and Boys and G](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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27. [TMP-1203](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Negative Declaration Pursunt to SEQRA MV I Amendments](#)
[Alexander EAF Part 2](#)
[Alexander EAF Part 3](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: Council President Browne: the council served as lead agency on both projects and make sure all was thoroughly studied with assistance of legal council and planning department. Council carefully reviewed. All correspondences has been read.

Brad Schwarts: all the steps taken were in compliance. We have reviewed all the comments and the council has fulfilled all the necessary requirements.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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28. [TMP-1157](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [TRANSFER TAX FEE INCREASE.pdf](#)
[TransferTax.pdf](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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29. [TMP-1204](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Amendment to Chapter 267 - MV East TOD-1](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: Council President Browne: this would create a new TOD district and is in compliance with the development close to public transit. Building has been thoughtfully designed and would still have to complete site plan and other items from city agencies.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

ADD-ON

To the Council:

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

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30. [TMP-1209](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter Karen Smith 02-11-2025](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk