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Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, October 23, 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 23, 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

1. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Chief of Staff to Attend the National League of Cities Annual Summit in Tampa, Florida from November 13 - 16, 2024

Code: LPW

2. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Funding from the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) in the Community Development Block Grant Funds and Authorizing the Department of Public Works to Purchase and Install a Prefabricated Restroom and Storage Structure at Memorial Field Stadium

Code: LPW

3. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of Ordinance No. 9, Adopted by the City Council on September 25, 2024, Entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Retroactively Enter Into an Emergency Contractual Agreement with PCI Industries, Inc. for Emergency Sewer Repairs at 27 Vernon Place"

Code: LPW

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4. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Retroactively Enter into an Emergency Sewer Rehabilitation Contractual Agreement with PCI Industries, Inc. for the Repair of Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Systems at the Intersection of 13th Avenue and 3rd Street

Code: LPW

To the Council:

HUMAN RESOURCES

5. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Sponsor the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Temporarily Closing Designated Streets for the Event

Code: HR

6. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 29, Adopted by the City Council on September 13, 2023, Entitled "An Ordinance Requesting Permission for the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board (WPWDB)"

Code: HR

7. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Funds from the Opioid Settlement Fund for the State Fiscal Year 2025 to be Administered by the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau for Opioid Misuse Prevention Initiatives

Code: HR

To the Council:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES

8. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Renew a Contract Agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for Fuel Inspection Services

Code: PSC

9. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing One (1) Member of Service to attend the FBI-LEEDA Internal Affairs Investigation Training (November 11 - 15, 2024)

Code: PSC

10. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Honoring and Recognizing the Retirement of Firefighter John DelGuercio

Code: PSC

- 11. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Honoring and Recognizing the Retirement of Fire Lieutenant Gerald Johnson III

Code: PSC

To the Council:

FINANCE AND PLANNING

12. Department of Assessment: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Application for a Correction for the Tax Years 2023 and 2024 for City, County and School Tax Bills and Directing the Comptroller to Issue a Refund/Credit to Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC / 0 Oak Street (Block 164.68-1055-19) Due to a Correction of Error

Code: FP

- 13. Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (TANS) in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$7,000,000 to Meet the Financial Obligations of the City

Code: FP

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
CHIEF OF STAFF TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL
LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL SUMMIT IN TAMPA,
FLORIDA FROM NOVEMBER 13 – 16, 2024**

Whereas, by letter dated October 23, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing the Chief of Staff to attend the National League of Cities Annual Summit in Tampa, Florida, from November 13 to November 16, 2024. Attendance at this conference will provide valuable insights and opportunities to enhance the City's development and governance strategies; and

Whereas, the National League of Cities (NLC) Annual Summit will be held in Tampa, Florida, from November 13 – 16, 2024; and

Whereas, the National League of Cities Summit provides a valuable opportunity for city leaders to network, share best practices, and collaborate on initiatives that promote sustainable urban growth and improve municipal services; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is a member of the Strong Cities Network, which will sponsor the trip, covering all associated expenses, including transportation, accommodation, and incidentals for the Chief of Staff; and

Whereas, attending the National League of Cities Annual Summit will benefit the City of Mount Vernon by enhancing the Chief of Staff's ability to implement programs, policies, and initiatives that support the City's growth and development, **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

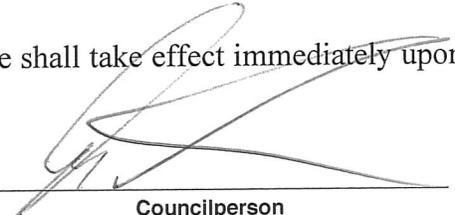
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Attend Conference. The City of Mount Vernon's Chief of Staff is authorized to attend the National League of Cities Annual Summit in Tampa, Florida, from November 13 to November 16, 2024. Attendance at this conference will provide valuable insights and opportunities to enhance the City's development and governance strategies.

Section 2. Expenses Covered by the Strong Cities Network. All costs associated with the Chief of Staff's participation, including transportation, lodging, and incidentals, shall be fully covered by the Strong Cities Network. No City funds will be expended for this trip.

Section 3. Reporting Requirement. Upon return, the Chief of Staff shall submit a report to the City Council summarizing key takeaways and strategies learned from the conference, along with any recommendations that may benefit the City of Mount Vernon.

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



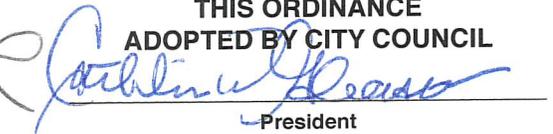
Councilperson

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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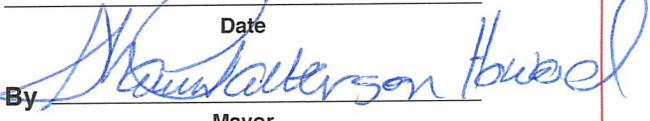
President

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk

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OCT 24 2024**



By _____
Mayor

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Dept. _____

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/23/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE URBAN RENEWAL
AGENCY (URA) IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PURCHASE
AND INSTALL A PREFABRICATED RESTROOM AND
STORAGE STRUCTURE AT MEMORIAL FIELD STADIUM**

Whereas, by letter dated October 3, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to receive an award in the amount of \$550,000.00 from the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) in Community Development Block Grant funds to cover the cost and fully install a prefabricated restroom and storage structure adjacent to the tennis courts at Memorial Field Stadium. The total project cost shall not exceed \$550,000.00; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has identified a critical need for a restroom and storage facility adjacent to the tennis courts at Memorial Field Stadium to provide convenient, ADA-compliant restroom facilities for visitors, especially for those with mobility challenges; and

Whereas, the current restroom facilities are located over 100 yards away from the tennis courts, on the opposite side of the stadium, and are often inaccessible when the stadium is closed; and

Whereas, the Recreation Department has secured \$550,000.00 in funding from the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to cover the cost of this project fully; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has sourced a prefabricated restroom and storage structure from the Public Restroom Company through Sourcewell and intends to purchase and install the structure to enhance the quality of amenities provided to the public; and

Whereas, the structure will include restroom facilities compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and essential storage space for sports equipment, providing dual functionality and addressing the community's need for secure, convenient storage on-site; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Definitions:

- **“ADA Compliance”** refers to adhering to the Americans with Disabilities Act, which ensures that public facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- **“Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)”** Federal funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) aimed at community development, particularly for low- and moderate-income areas.
- **“Prefabricated Restroom and Storage Structure”** is a factory-built facility delivered to the project site, including public restrooms and storage space.
- **“Turnkey Installation”** is a comprehensive installation service that includes all aspects required to install and operationalize a facility fully.
- **“Urban Renewal Agency (URA)”** An agency that administers community development funds and initiatives to improve infrastructure, facilities, and public spaces.

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Section 2. Authorization to Received Award and Purchase and Install. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to receive an award in the amount of \$550,000.00 from the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) in Community Development Block Grant funds to cover the cost and fully install a prefabricated restroom and storage structure adjacent to the tennis courts at Memorial Field Stadium, which includes the following expenditures:

- 1. **Prefabricated Restroom Building** - \$389,895.00
- 2. **Turnkey Installation of the Building** - \$ 39,633.00
- 3. **Subgrade Pad (Foundation)** - \$120,000.00

The exact allocation for the subgrade pad will be finalized upon completion of the design phase and the contractor bidding process.

Section 3. Funding. The City of Mount Vernon shall accept a **\$550,000.00** award from the Community Development Block Grant funds through the Urban Renewal Agency to fully cover the costs of this project.

No additional funds from the city's general budget will be required for this project, as the CDBG award will cover the entire expenditure.

Section 4. Procurement Process. The Department of Public Works shall utilize **Sourcewell** procurement to purchase the prefabricated restroom and storage structure, as Sourcewell contracts meet competitive bidding requirements and provide access to high-quality vendors such as the Public Restroom Company.

Section 5. Project Implementation and Oversight. The Department of Public Works oversees the implementation and installation of the restroom and storage structure. This includes coordinating with contractors, ensuring compliance with ADA requirements, and completing all necessary site preparations.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

Dept. _____

Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED

Date

By _____

Mayor

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9,
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER
25, 2024, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN
EMERGENCY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT
WITH PCI INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY
SEWER REPAIRS AT 27 VERNON PLACE”**

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

Section 1. The first decretal paragraph, the 6th Whereas paragraph, and Section 2 of Ordinance No. 9, adopted by the City Council on September 25, 2024, entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH PCI INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS AT 27 VERNON PLACE” is hereby amended as follows:

Whereas, by letter dated [September 17, 2024] October 8, 2024, the Department of Public Works Commissioner requested legislation authorizing the amendment Ordinance No. 9, adopted by the City Council on September 25, 2024, authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an emergency contractual agreement with PCI Industries, Inc., to complete emergency sewer repairs at 27 Vernon Place. The total cost of this repair shall not exceed \$89,860.79; and

Whereas, an immediate public health hazard has emerged at 27 Vernon Place, located at the intersection of Grandview and Vernon Place, due to a sewer backup caused by an obstruction that could not be cleared using city equipment, presenting a direct threat to the safety, health, and welfare of the residents; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon contracted with PCI Industries, Inc. to perform the necessary emergency repairs to the sanitary and stormwater sewers at this location to eliminate the obstruction and restore proper sewer functionality; and

Whereas, the emergency repairs included the following scope of work:

- **Trench Dimension:** 14 feet long, 4.5 feet wide, and 8 feet deep
- **Damage:**
 - 12-inch vitrified clay pipe for stormwater sewer located 7 feet below the surface
 - 8-inch vitrified clay pipe for sanitary sewer located 8 feet below the surface
- **Repairs Completed:**
 - Installation of 7 linear feet of 8-inch SOR pipe for the sanitary sewer
 - Installation of 14 linear feet of 12-inch SOR pipe for the stormwater sewer
- **Final Steps:** Backfilled the trench regraded the asphalt surface; and

Whereas, Section 6, Item B of the City of Mount Vernon’s Procurement Policy allows for emergency purchases when an occurrence presents an immediate threat to public property, life, safety, health, or welfare of the residents or public, and the delay in seeking alternate proposals would increase such risks; and

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Whereas, the total associated cost of this emergency repair is \$89,860.79, and the funding for the repair is available through the Environmental Facilities Corporation [(EFC) \$5,000,000 Emergency Grant] (DEC) Water Quality Improvement Grant (WQIP) \$10,000,000 Emergency Grant allocated for critical infrastructure projects, with funds to be drawn from:

- [H8120.203.C934] H8120.203.C937 (Sanitary Sewer); and
- [H8140.203.C935] H8140.203.C938 (Stormwater); and

Whereas, the City Council finds that retroactive authorization of this emergency contractual agreement is necessary to protect the health and safety of the City’s residents and ensure the continued operation of essential public services; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Retroactive Authorization for Contract. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to retroactively enter into an emergency contractual agreement with PCI Industries, Inc., to complete emergency sewer repairs at 27 Vernon Place. The total cost of this repair shall not exceed \$89,860.79.

Section 2. Funding. Funding for this emergency repair will be provided through the Environmental Facilities Corporation [(EFC) \$5,000,000 Emergency Grant] (DEC) Water Quality Improvement Grant (WQIP) \$10,000,000 Emergency Grant, with funds allocated from:

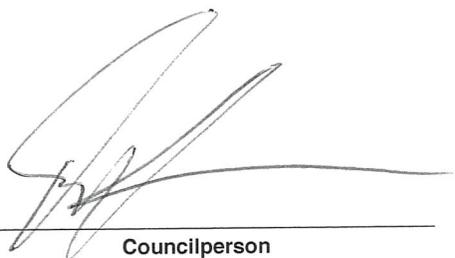
- [H8120.203.C934] H8120.203.C937 (Sanitary Sewer); and
- [H8140.203.C935] H8140.203.C938 (Stormwater).

Section 3. Exemption from Procurement Policy. The City Council recognizes that this emergency repair meets the criteria outlined in Section 6, Item B of the City’s Procurement Policy, which permits emergency purchases when there is an immediate threat to public health, safety, or property.

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

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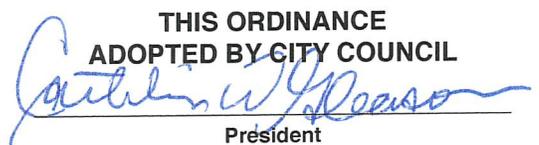
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Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted



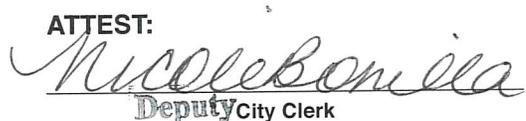
Councilperson

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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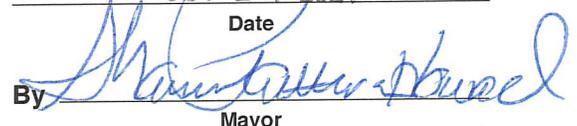
President

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

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APPROVED
OCT 24 2024

Date

By _____
Mayor

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH PCI INDUSTRIES,
INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF STORMWATER AND
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS AT THE
INTERSECTION OF 13TH AVENUE AND 3RD STREET**

Whereas, by letter dated October 11, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an emergency contractual agreement with PCI Industries, Inc. to remove, replace, and rehabilitate stormwater and sanitary sewer systems at the intersection of 13th Avenue and 3rd Street; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon experienced a health hazard at the intersection of 13th Avenue and 3rd Street due to backups in the stormwater sewer system during rain events, causing flooding at the intersection and nearby properties; and

Whereas, the flooding was caused by compromised catch basins at three of the four corners of the intersection, necessitating immediate action to prevent further health risks and damage to public and private property; and

Whereas, PCI Industries, Inc. was contracted on an emergency basis to remove blockages, rebuild catch basins, and replace stormwater sewer pipes to prevent further flooding and ensure public safety; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon Procurement Policy allows for emergency purchases where immediate action is required to protect public property, life, safety, health, or welfare, or to maintain essential services without seeking alternate proposals; and

Whereas, the total cost for the completed emergency repair work is \$101,714.49, and funding is available through the WQIP Emergency Grant under Budget Codes H8120.203.C937 (Sanitary Sewer), and H8140.203.C938 (Stormwater); **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 emergency contractual agreement with PCI Industries, Inc. to remove, replace, and rehabilitate stormwater and sanitary sewer systems at the intersection of 13th Avenue and 3rd Street.

Section 2. Scope of Work. The scope of work completed by PCI Industries, Inc. is as follows:

- Location: Intersection of 13th Avenue and West 13th Street
- Southwest, Northwest, and Southeast catch basins had to be rebuilt with new stormwater-collecting sewers

Damage:

- Southwest - two catch basins and stormwater sewer piping.
- Northwest - three catch basins and stormwater sewer piping.
- Southeast – one catch basin.

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Repairs Completed:

- Southwest – built one catch basin, rebuilt one catch basin, and Installed 15 feet of SDR stormwater sewer pipe. Excavated and repoured sidewalk corner.
- Northwest – rebuilt two catch basins and installed 35 linear feet of SDR stormwater sewer pipe. Excavated and repoured sidewalk corner.
- Southeast – rebuilt one catch basin, excavated and repoured

Section 3. Funding. The total cost for the emergency repairs of \$101,714.49 shall be funded through the following budget codes:

- H8120.203.C937 (Sanitary Sewer)
- H8140.203.C938 (Stormwater)

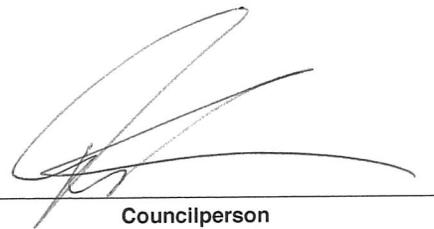
Section 4. Emergency Procurement Policy. This emergency contract is authorized in accordance with the City of Mount Vernon's procurement policy, Section 6, which allows for emergency purchases to address immediate threats to public health, safety, and property.

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

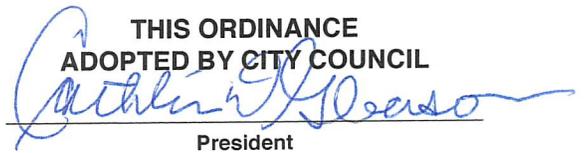
Vote Taken As Follows: 10/23/2024
 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
 Poterat: Yea Thompson: Absent
 Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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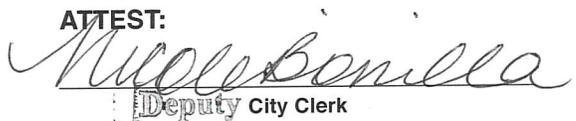

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 Councilperson

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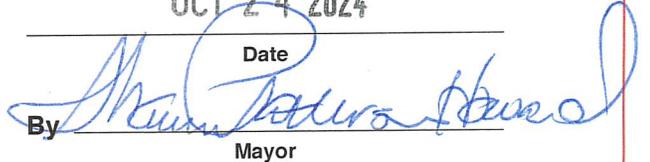

 President

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 Deputy City Clerk

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 Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO SPONSOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND TEMPORARILY CLOSING DESIGNATED STREETS FOR THE EVENT

Whereas, by letter dated October 15, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing said Department to sponsor and organize the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, to be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Plaza; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon desires to provide a festive event for residents, bringing the community together to celebrate the holiday season; and

Whereas, it is necessary to temporarily close certain streets and provide city services to ensure the safety and success of the event; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Event Authorization. The Department of Recreation is hereby authorized to sponsor the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at City Hall Plaza from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Section 2. Street Closures. The following streets shall be closed to vehicular traffic on December 5, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to facilitate the event:

- Roosevelt Square East
Roosevelt Square North

These closures shall accommodate a horse and buggy ride as part of the event festivities.

Section 3. Authorization for City Departments. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to set out barricades and place "No Parking" signs on Roosevelt Square East and Roosevelt Square South in preparation for the event.

The Department of Public Safety is authorized to assign Auxiliary officers to monitor the event. The Patrol Supervisor is further authorized to hire additional officers on an overtime basis, if deemed necessary, to ensure the safety and smooth operation of the event.

Section 4. Funding and Budget. The costs for staffing and monitoring this event, not including any overtime expenses for Public Safety and Public Works personnel, shall not exceed \$3,000.00 and will be charged to Budget Code A7310.104.

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

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Councilperson

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[Signature]
Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL
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President

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

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OCT 24 2024
Date
[Signature]
Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/23/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 29,
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER
13, 2023, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING
PERMISSION FOR THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD”**

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

Section 1. The first decretal paragraph, second and third Whereas Clauses and Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 29, adopted by the City Council on September 13, 2023, entitled “AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD” is hereby amended as follows:

Whereas by letter dated [September 6, 2023] October 7, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested the City Council enact legislation amending Ordinance No. 29, adopted by the City Council on September 13, 2023, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board in the amount of **\$92,670.00** for the period commencing June 30, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The program will serve 30 youths and young adults through the WIOA/WDAY Youth Employment Services; and

Whereas the program, eligible youths ages 16-24 will be provided with educational and employment services under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). The program is designed to provide resources and services that will enable youths to obtain a diploma/high school equivalency diploma, explore career opportunities, enroll in higher education, and obtain employment or certifications within a trade of their interest; and

Whereas, the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board (“WPWDB”) has awarded an additional \$92,670 to extend the MVYB’s WIOA/WDAY program until June 30, 2025, to provide services to an additional 30 eligible economically disadvantaged youth ages 16-24; and

Whereas, the WIOA/WDAY program provides critical resources to help eligible youth obtain a diploma or high school equivalency, explore career opportunities, pursue higher education, or attain employment or certifications in trades of interest, thereby improving their future economic prospects; and

Whereas, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the City to continue and expand this program for eligible youth through the additional funds provided by the WPWDB, with no matching obligation required from the City; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby granted permission to enter into an agreement with the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board for **\$92,670.00** for the period commencing June 30, 2023, through [June 30, 2024] June 30, 2025, for an additional \$92,670 to support the provision of services to 30 additional eligible youth under the WIOA/WDAY program. The program will serve 30 youths and young adults through the WIOA/WDAY Youth Employment Services.

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Section 2. Funds for this program are to be accounted for in Revenue Code A4790.6 for appropriations in the following Budget Codes: A6295.101 (Salaries), A6295.801, 802, 803, 804 & 806 (Fringes) and A6295.104; 402; 405; & 467. **There is no matching obligation for this grant.**

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

New matter underlined
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Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Potat: Yea Thompson: Absent

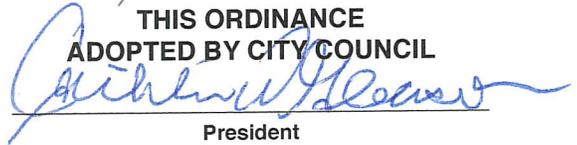
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE
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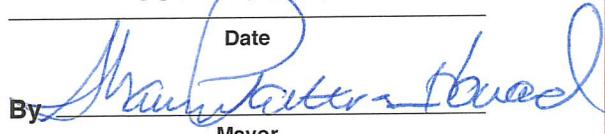

President

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Deputy City Clerk

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Date

By 
Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU FOR OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION INITIATIVES

Whereas, by letter dated October 3, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to accept the award of \$10,053 from the Opioid Settlement Fund for State Fiscal Year 2025, as administered by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS); and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has been awarded \$10,053 from the Opioid Settlement Fund for State Fiscal Year 2025, as designated by the settlement agreement from the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS); and

Whereas, these funds are to be administered by the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) to develop and implement evidence-based prevention activities aimed at reducing and preventing the misuse of opioids within the community; and

Whereas, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) designates these funds for specific uses under Schedule C "Approved Uses" for community-based opioid misuse prevention, focusing on prevention strategies, educational programs, and public health initiatives; and

Whereas, the MVYB will use the funds to support various activities, including public education on drug disposal, corrective advertising, drug take-back programs, community-based education, mental health support services, youth-focused programs, and partnerships with local non-profits and faith-based communities; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to accept and allocate these funds for their designated purposes, enhancing public health and safety in alignment with the objectives set forth by the Opioid Settlement Agreement; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

Section 1. Acceptance Funds. The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to accept the award of \$10,053 from the Opioid Settlement Fund for State Fiscal Year 2025, as administered by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).

Section 2. Designated Purpose and Use of Funds. The awarded funds shall be allocated to the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) for opioid misuse prevention initiatives, specifically to support evidence-based activities that align with Schedule C "Approved Uses," Section B (Prevent Misuse of Opioids). The following activities are authorized under this ordinance:

1. Public education on proper drug disposal.
2. Corrective advertising, campaigns, and public education initiatives.
3. Implementation of drug take-back, disposal, and destruction programs.
4. Community-based educational programs and initiatives.
5. Enhanced access to mental health services and support for young people.
6. Collaboration with non-profits and faith-based organizations for prevention programs.
7. Youth-focused, school-based programming promotes opioid misuse prevention.

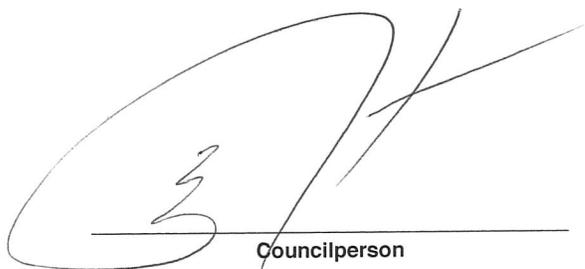
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Section 3. Accounting and Budget Allocation. Funds received from this grant shall be accounted for in Revenue Code A2229.8. The appropriations shall be allocated as follows:

- A7330.101 & 104 (Salaries)
- A7330.402 (Travel)
- A7330.405 (Contracted Outside Services)
- A7330.458 (Miscellaneous Expenses)
- A7330.467 (Program Supplies)

Section 4. Grant Administration and Reporting. The MVYB is authorized and directed to administer the grant funds under OASAS requirements. The MVYB shall also comply with all necessary reporting and reconciliation requirements to ensure proper utilization and accountability of the funds.

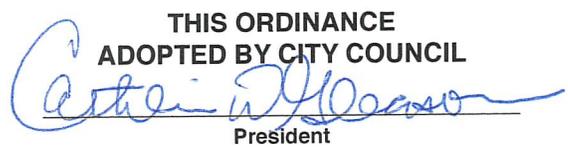
Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.



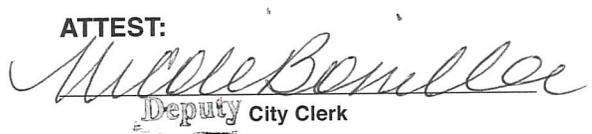
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 Assistant Corporation Counsel

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 Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/23/2024
 Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
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 Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS FOR FUEL INSPECTION SERVICES

Whereas, by letter dated October 15, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to renew the contract agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, covering the period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029, to conduct fuel inspections, screening tests, and fuel sampling at retail fuel outlets within the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon, through its Consumer Protection Department, is responsible for conducting inspections, screening tests, and fuel sampling at retail fuel outlets to ensure compliance with New York State standards; and

Whereas, the City has a contractual agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, which allows the City to perform these services and receive reimbursement for the costs incurred; and

Whereas, the City will be reimbursed up to \$11,550.00 by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the services rendered during the contract period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029; and

Whereas, funds reimbursed to the City will be deposited into revenue line A3389.9 (NYS Other) and appropriated to corresponding expenditure lines, ensuring the continued support of the Consumer Protection Department's fuel inspection efforts, **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

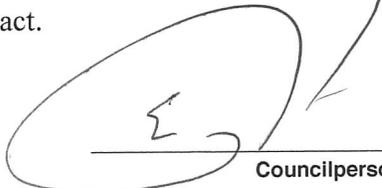
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Renew Contract. The Mayor is hereby authorized to renew the contract agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, covering the period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029, to conduct fuel inspections, screening tests, and fuel sampling at retail fuel outlets within the City of Mount Vernon.

Section 2. Reimbursement. The City shall be reimbursed for up to \$11,550.00 by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for costs incurred in performing fuel inspection services. All reimbursements will be deposited into Revenue Code A3389.9 (NYS Other).

Section 3. Funding Appropriation. Reimbursed funds shall be appropriated to the corresponding expenditure lines as required to cover the costs of fuel inspections, screening tests, and sampling.

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



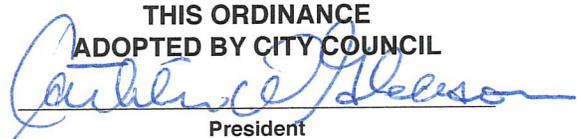
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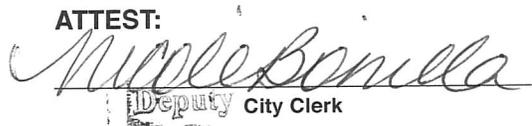
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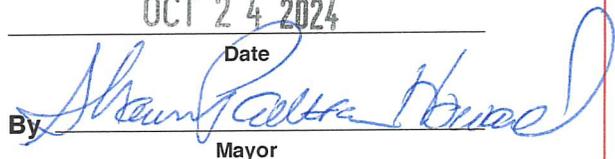


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Date



By Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 10/23/2024
Boxhill: Yea Brown: Yea
Potat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ONE (1) MEMBER OF SERVICE TO ATTEND THE FBI-LEEDA INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION TRAINING

Whereas, by letter dated October 16, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing one (1) Member of Service from the Department of Public Safety to attend the FBI-LEEDA Internal Affairs Investigation Training from November 11, 2024, through November 15, 2024, at the Westchester County Police Academy; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon's Department of Public Safety is committed to providing ongoing professional development and training opportunities for its personnel; and

Whereas, the FBI-LEEDA Internal Affairs Investigation Training is a highly respected course that addresses policies and procedures, effective complaint processes, and the investigation of personnel complaints, among other vital topics related to Internal Affairs; and

Whereas, this training will enhance the skills and knowledge of one (1) Member of Service in handling Internal Affairs investigations, ensuring that the City of Mount Vernon continues to uphold transparency and accountability within its public safety operations; and

Whereas, the training will take place from November 11, 2024, through November 15, 2024, at the Westchester County Police Academy located at 2 Dana Drive, Valhalla, NY, at a total cost of \$795.00; and

Whereas, the cost for this training shall be satisfied from Budget Line A3120.451 (Training), and the Member of Service will utilize a department vehicle for transportation to and from the training location); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

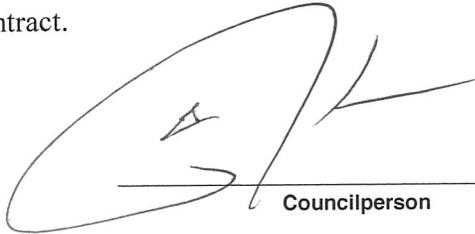
The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Authorization to Attend Training. The City Council authorizes one (1) Member of Service from the Department of Public Safety to attend the FBI-LEEDA Internal Affairs Investigation Training from November 11, 2024, through November 15, 2024, at the Westchester County Police Academy.

Section 2. Cost and Funding. The total cost of \$795.00 for this training shall be satisfied from Budget Line A3120.451 (Training).

Section 3. Transportation. The Member of Service attending the training is authorized to use a department vehicle for transportation to and from the Westchester County Police Academy during the training period.

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

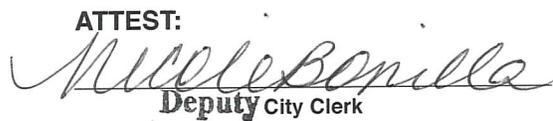

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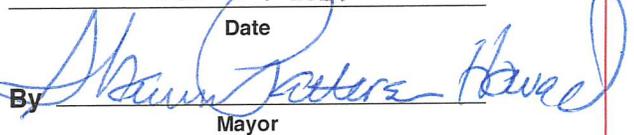
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Deputy City Clerk

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OCT 24 2024

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Mayor

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Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Potat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE
RETIREMENT OF FIREFIGHTER JOHN DelGUERCIO**

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, NY, joins the Fire Administration in recognizing the retirement of **FIREFIGHTER JOHN DelGUERCIO**, from Active Service on July 29, 2024; and

Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER JOHN DelGUERCIO** began his distinguished career with the Mount Vernon Fire Department on December 16, 2004, and faithfully served the community for 19.7 years; and

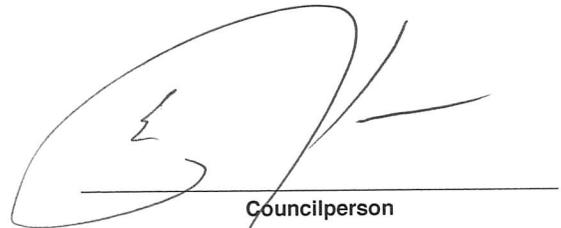
Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER JOHN DelGUERCIO**, throughout his career, held various positions within the department, demonstrating unwavering commitment and professionalism in every role; and

Whereas, he was last assigned to Group 2, Engine Company 203 at Station #3, and Engine Company 204 at Station #4, where his leadership and dedication to service were evident to both his peers and supervisors

Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER JOHN DelGUERCIO** took pride in engaging with the community, especially through outreach efforts to inspire and educate the city's youth about the Fire Service, encouraging them to pursue careers in public service. His peers and leaders highly regarded Firefighter Del Guercio, recognizing his dedication, work ethic, and invaluable service to the City of Mount Vernon. His retirement on July 29, 2024, marks the conclusion of a career that has brought great credit upon him and reflects his deep commitment to the safety and well-being of the Mount Vernon community; **Now, Therefore, be it**

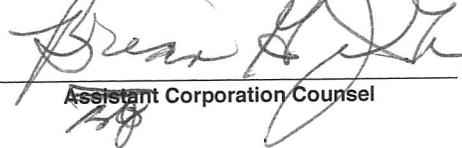
Resolved, that the City Council of Mount Vernon hereby recognizes and extends its heartfelt gratitude to **FIREFIGHTER JOHN DelGUERCIO** for his outstanding 19.7 years of service, his unwavering dedication to the fire department, and his lasting impact on the community he has so faithfully served; **be it further**

Resolved that this proclamation serves as a testament to the invaluable contributions of **FIREFIGHTER JOHN DelGUERCIO** and that a copy of this resolution be presented to him as a token of our appreciation for his service.



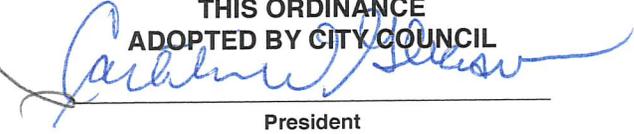
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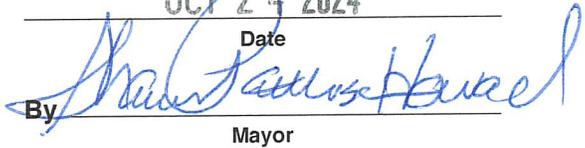


Deputy City Clerk

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Potteat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK
HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF
FIREFIGHTER LIEUTENANT GERALD JOHNSON III**

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, NY, joins the Fire Administration in recognizing the retirement of **FIREFIGHTER LIEUTENANT GERALD JOHNSON III** from Active Service; and

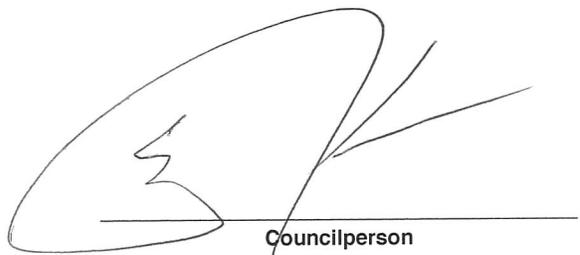
Whereas, **FIREFIGHTER LIEUTENANT GERALD JOHNSON III** began his exceptional career with the Mount Vernon Fire Department on March 6, 1995, and has faithfully served the community for over 29 years; and

Whereas, **LIEUTENANT JOHNSON** has exemplified a commitment to public service through his various assignments, most recently at Station #1 with Ladder 62 Truck Company, and previously at Station #2 with Engine Company 205 and Rescue 1; and

Whereas, in December 2017, **LIEUTENANT JOHNSON** was promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant, and he continued to demonstrate leadership, courage, and a passion for serving the residents of Mount Vernon. His strong sense of teamwork and exceptional work ethic earned him the admiration and respect of his colleagues, and he has been recognized with letters of appreciation and accolades for his outstanding performance and dedication to duty. Lieutenant Johnson's retirement on October 15, 2024, marks the culmination of a distinguished career that has brought great credit upon himself, the Mount Vernon Fire Department, and the city he has served so honorably; **Now, Therefore, be it**

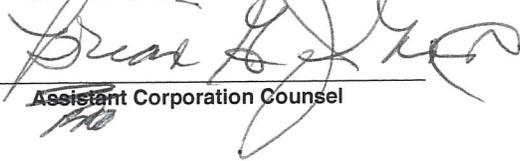
Resolved, that the City Council of Mount Vernon hereby extends its deepest gratitude to **FIRE LIEUTENANT GERALD JOHNSON III** for his 29-plus years of exemplary service, leadership, and contributions to the safety and well-being of the community; **be it further**

Resolved that this proclamation is a tribute to the dedication, professionalism, and teamwork displayed by **LIEUTENANT JOHNSON** throughout his career and that a copy of this resolution be presented to him as a token of our appreciation for his outstanding service.



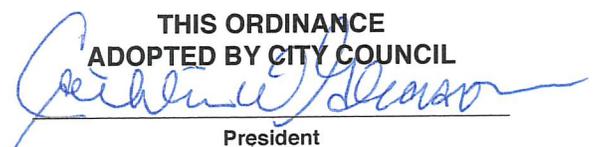
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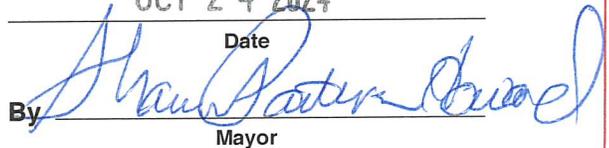


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Mayor

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Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CORRECTION FOR THE TAX YEARS 2023 AND 2024 FOR CITY, COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAX BILLS AND DIRECTING THE COMPTROLLER TO ISSUE A REFUND/CREDIT TO METRO GREEN REALTY OF WESTCHESTER, LLC / O OAK STREET - (BLOCK 164.68-1055-19) DUE TO A CORRECTION OF ERROR)

Whereas, by letter dated October 8, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Assessment advised the City Council that due to a Correction in Error, Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC, 0 Oak Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 for City, County, and School Tax Assessment for Block – 164.68-1055-19 on the Assessment Rolls for the following years warrants a correction and refund in the following amounts because there was an error in the essential facts and incorrectly assessed valuation, due to the parcel being within two (2) municipalities and the percentage in Mount Vernon was miscalculated on the 2023 final assessment roll for the 2024 tax year, which now warrants a correction in the following amounts for the tax year 2024: \$7,518.90 (City tax), \$2,880.45 (County tax) and \$14,350.50 (School tax); and

Whereas, this refund/credit is due to Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC because there was an error in the essential facts and an incorrectly assessed valuation due to the parcel being within two (2) municipalities and the percentage in Mount Vernon was miscalculated on the 2023 final assessment roll for the 2024 tax year; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization to Execute Application for Correction. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an application for correction to the 2023 Assessment Roll for the City, County, and School Tax Roll for Block - 164.68-1055-19 on the Tax Assessment Map, parcel being owned by Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC, 0 Oak Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 to indicate the correction herein.

Section 2. Authorization to Issue Refund/Credit. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue a refund/credit to be satisfied in Budget Code A1964-492 in the total amount of \$24,749.85 (City, County, and School Tax) to Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC, 0 Oak Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550, Block - 164.68-1055-19, which shall correct the City, County, and School tax bills for the 2024 Tax Years.

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

[Signature] Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

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[Signature] President

ATTEST:

[Signature] Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED

APPROVED Dept. _____

Date _____ By _____ Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 10/23/2024
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Absent
Gleason: Abstain Ordinance Not Adopted

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (TANs) IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$7,000,000 TO MEET THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY

Whereas, by letter dated October 17, 2024, the Comptroller has requested legislation authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs) of the City in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, according to the Local Finance Law; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is required to meet its financial obligations by year-end; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has outstanding appropriated property taxes for FY 2024 for \$4.0 million and earlier years' taxes totaling \$59 million; and

Whereas, the City is in the process of implementing initiatives such as payment plans and tax lien sales to collect the outstanding taxes; and

Whereas, the City must issue Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs) in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$7,000,000 to provide the Comptroller with short-term cash flow to meet the City's financial obligations; and

Whereas, such notes shall be issued in anticipation of the City's last collection of property taxes for FY 2024 and shall be retired upon receipt of said taxes, or through renewal or the use of other available funds if all real estate taxes are not collected; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

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

Section 1. Authorization to Issue Tax Anticipation Notes. The Comptroller of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to issue Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs) of the City in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. Terms of the Tax Anticipation Notes. The TANs shall be issued in anticipation of collecting real estate taxes for the fiscal year 2024 and shall be retired upon receipt of such taxes. If all taxes are not collected, the TANs may be renewed or retired using other available funds.

Section 3. Repayment of the Notes. The repayment of the TANs shall be made from the funds collected from FY 2024 property taxes, or from other available funds, including but not limited to future tax collections from earlier fiscal years. Payment plans and tax lien sales are being pursued to facilitate the collection of outstanding taxes.

Section 4. Additional Authority. The Comptroller is further authorized to determine the final amount of the debt, the type of note issuance, and the term of the TANs based on the City's financial capacity and subject to approval by a financial institution.

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

[Signature] Councilperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM [Signature] Assistant Corporation Counsel

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL [Signature] President

ATTEST: [Signature] Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED OCT 24 2024 Date

[Signature] Mayor

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