

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

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 1st FLOOR**

**Board of Estimate & Contract**

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**Call to Order: At 3:00 PM by Chairwoman Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard**

**Roll Call:** Roll Call and reading of agenda items administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla.  
Noticed in the Journal News.

**PRESENT** Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Darren Morton, and Danielle Browne Esq.

**ABSENT** None

**OTHERS:** Chief of Staff Malcolm Clark, Asst. Corporation Counsel Johan Powell, City Clerk Nicole Bonilla, Deputy City Clerk Jordan Riullano, Assistant Comptroller Condell Hamilton

**OPENING OF BID FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Jenoptik Smart Mobility Solutions, Inc. Jupiter, Florida  
35% revenue to vendor  
65% revenue to the city

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA****RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ORDINANCES**

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1. [TMP  
-1362](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Referral Letter -Bloomberg Harvard City Leads](#)  
[MOU Bloomberg](#)

\*HELD\*

Deputy Corporation Council Powell - The MOU was amended after the council voted on it. Adjustments will be made and the item will go back to council for approval.  
held

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2. [TMP  
-1347](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Amendment to Mount Vernon City Code](#)

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** Comptroller Morton - What is the change?

**Response:** CP Browne - the increase in fines and change of the language.

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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3. [\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
[\*\*-1360\*\*](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Animal Shelter Land Lease](#)  
[Animal Shelter - Land Lease Agreement \(1\) \(1](#)

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** none

**Response:** none

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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4. [\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
[\*\*-1367\*\*](#)

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Traffic Signal Technician Training- B.Whitley](#)  
[Traffic-signal-brochure](#)

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** none

**Response:** none

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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5. [\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
[\*\*-1365\*\*](#)

**Code:** HR

**Attachments:** [rec assistant letter](#)

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** none

**Response:** none

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller  
Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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6. [\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
[\*\*-1375\*\*](#)

**Code:** HR

**Attachments:** [referral letter-4th street basketball classic2025](#)  
[basketball cal](#)  
[DPW 4th Street Classic](#)  
[PD Basketball Classic](#)

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller  
Morton

**On the question:** none

**Response:** none

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller  
Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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7. [\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
[\*\*-1366\*\*](#)

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [STRIVE Initiative Referral Letter](#)  
[Westchester County STRIVE](#)

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller  
Morton

**On the question:** none

**Response:** Mayor Patterson-Howard - explained the initiative  
which comes from Governor Hochul's office.

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller  
Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

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8.

**TMP**  
**-1372****Code:** FP**Attachments:** [COMP2025-8– Request for Budget Transfer to Review Legal Services](#)**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton**On the question:** Comptroller Morton - explained that the request for additional funds was received from the Charter Revision Commission chair and that the commission's budget is almost depleted.**Response:** Mayor Patterson-Howard - requests that the commission have a clear process on how the money is being spent.

Council President Browne - questioned if there is an internal mechanism for monitoring the spending of the additional \$25,000.

Comptroller Morton - explained that the comptroller's office will monitor and notify.

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne**Nay:** None**Absent:** None

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9.

**TMP**  
**-1384****Code:** PSC**Attachments:** [Temporary Help Ref letter](#)**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton**On the question:** Comptroller Morton - questioned the work that is to be done?**Response:** Mayor Patterson-Howard - explained that code enforcement position is difficult to fill and that a study was one in the buildings department on what was needed.

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne**Nay:** None**Absent:** None

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10. [TMP  
-1404](#)**Code:** FP**Attachments:** [COMP2025-09 Recommendation to Issue a Tax Amnesty Program for Commercial Properties](#)**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton**On the question:** none**Response:** Comptroller Morton - explained and clarified the tax amnesty program for commercial properties.

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne**Nay:** None**Absent:** None**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PARTIAL PAYMENT - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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11. [TMP  
-1364](#)**Code:** LPW**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton**On the question:** none**Response:** Assistant Comptroller Hamilton - explained the funding and the timeline for reimbursement.

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne**Nay:** None**Absent:** None**RETAINER**

(Engagement Letter - to retain the Oxman Law Group, PLLC)

12. [TMP  
-1406](#)**Attachments:** [Engagement Letter to retain the Oxman Law Group, PLLC, TO PROVIDE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF THE OXMAN LAW GROUP, PLLC, TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL ON TAX LIEN SALES AND IN-REMEDIAL FORECLOSURE](#)**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton**On the question:** none

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**Response:** Comptroller Morton - explained the need for a retainer for tax lien sales.

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

(A Resolution Authorizing the Retention of the Office of Kristen K. Wilson for the Charter Review Committee)

13. [TMP](#)  
[-1355](#)

**Attachments:** [A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF THE OFFICE OF KRISTEN K. WILSON AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE](#)

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton

**On the question:** none

**Response:** none

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

### SETTLEMENTS

Motion to take items 14 -18 as a block vote.

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton

take items as block vote

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

(Settlement of Claim of Cynthia McMullen - (\$950.00))

14. [TMP](#)  
[-1379](#)

**Attachments:** [Settling the Claim of Cynthia McMullen - \(\\$950.00\) SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROPER SETTLEMENT OF CYNTHIA MCMULLEN - \(damage to fence\)](#)

approved

(Settlement of Claim of Geico  
a/s/o Toi Williams-Lloyd -  
(\$7,000.00))

15. [TMP](#)  
[-1380](#)

**Attachments:** [Settling the Claim of Geico a.s.o. Toi Williams  
SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROPER  
GEICO a-s-o TOI WILLIAMS-LLOYD - \(2021  
CHEROKEE\)](#)

approved

(Settlement of Claim of Allstate  
Insurance Company, as Subrogee  
of Bennet Fox - (17,000.00))

16. [TMP](#)  
[-1394](#)

**Attachments:** [SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, AS SUBROGEE  
OF BENNET FOX - \(2023 AUDI Q8 PREMIUM  
CROSSWALK\)](#)

approved

(A Resolution Authorizing the  
Settlement Claim of Filed by  
Leticia Sotero - (80,000.00))

17. [TMP](#)  
[-1400](#)

**Attachments:** [SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
PERSONAL INJURY - PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY  
SUV IN CROSSWALK \(LETICIA SOTERO\)](#)

approved

(Settlement of Claim of Kamil  
Mamak - (4,783.73))

18. [TMP](#)  
[-1405](#)

**Attachments:** [Settlement of Claim for Mr. Kamil Mamak - \(\\$4,783.73\)  
SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
PROPERTY DAMAGE TO 2017 TOYOTA CAMRY  
MAMAK\)](#)

approved

approved the Consent Agenda

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller  
Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

### TAX REVIEW SETTLEMENTS

Motion to take items 19-22 as a block vote.

**Moved:** Council President Browne, **Seconded:** Comptroller Morton

take items as block vote



**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

(Resolution for Tax Settlement - 19. 60 West Broad Street Inc. - \$58,123.67)

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[\*\*-1401\*\*](#)

**Attachments:** [Settlement for 60 West Broad St. Inc. - \(\\$58,123.67\)](#)  
approved

(Resolution for Tax Settlement - 20. 210 West LLC - for property located at 135 Sindey Avenue - \$3,317.24)

[\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
[\*\*-1403\*\*](#)

**Attachments:** [Settlement Resolution for 135 Sindey Avenue](#)  
approved

(Resolution for Tax Settlement - 21. 210 West LLC - for property located at 139 Sindey Avenue - \$3,856.45)

[\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
[\*\*-1407\*\*](#)

**Attachments:** [Settlement Resolution for 139 Sindey Avenue](#)  
approved

(Resolution for Tax Settlement - 22. 41 South Avenue R.E. Corp. - \$2,762.68)

[\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
[\*\*-1402\*\*](#)

**Attachments:** [Settlement Resolutions for 41 SOUTH 4TH A' \(\\$2,762.68\)](#)  
approved

approved the Consent Agenda

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Agenda was concluded at 4:04 PM**

**Chairwoman Patterson-Howard asked if there was new business:**

Council President Browne - spoke on today being election day for the Mount Vernon City School District budget and board positions as well as a position for library trustee.

**Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.**

approved

**Aye:** Mayor Patterson-Howard, Comptroller  
Morton, and Browne

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.**

**Nicole Bonilla, MBA  
City Clerk**