

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, [INSERT DATE], 2025.**

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

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

PRESIDING: Danielle Browne, President

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

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge lead by Councilmember Gleason

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. Peter Tsachalis 335 Miller Place, Mount Vernon, NY [non-responsive government]
no show 7:13 pm / 7:18 pm
2. Ray Copeland 236 Bedford Ave, Mount Vernon, NY [follow up on scooters and tire shop on 11th ave]
no show 7:13 pm/ 7:18 pm
3. Geoff Munroe 216 So Columbus Ave, Mount Vernon, NY [criticism in audio and visual upgrade - public input for the public square] 7:13pm
Council Responses
CM Boxhill - believes the upgrades are good
CM Gleason - spoke on getting public feedback in talks with Commissioner Perez, this is an ongoing project. Thanked speaker for his time
CM Thompson - thanked speaker for his input.
CP Browne - The RFP allowed experts to consult, to get their expertise on what was needed
4. Toni Gamils 96 Southfield Rd, Mount Vernon, NY [traffic and safety in our neighborhood Brookfield Rd, Monterey Rd and Mount Eastfield Rd]
no show 7:13 pm/ 7:18 pm

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

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

ABSENT: Pro Tempore Edward Poteat

Motion to enter into Executive Session for legal counsel.

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Thompson

go into Executive Session

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

Motion to exit into Executive Session

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Thompson

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

1. [TMP-1361](#)

Code: LPW

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

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Thompson

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

2. [TMP-1362](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter -Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. docx](#)
[MOU_Bloomberg](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

3. [TMP](#)
[-1347](#)

Code: LPW

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

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

4. [TMP](#)
[-1352](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [J. Abdul- Halim LOA](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

5. [TMP](#)
[-1360](#)

Code: LPW

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

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

6. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1363**](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW-Printer_20250505_142732](#)
[DPW week](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

7. [**TMP**](#)
[**-1367**](#)

Code: LPW

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

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

8. [TMP](#)
[-1368](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Declaration of Emergency- City Owned Property - Parking Structure and Stationhouses of FDMV](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

To the Council:

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

9. [TMP](#)
[-1365](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [rec assistant letter](#)

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

On the question: none

Response: CM Thompson - discussed with Commissioner that the bus driver line is no longer needed and next year they are going to remove that title and add the new recreation position.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

10. [TMP](#)
[-1375](#)

Code: HR

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

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

11. [TMP](#)
[-1377](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [READY Vibe event](#)
[R4L Vibe Check Flyer](#)

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

To the Council:

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

12. [TMP](#)
[-1374](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [FDMV Referral - Provisional Deputy Chief 2025](#)

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: CM Gleason - Fire department came up with a creative way to combat excessive overtime.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

13. [TMP](#)
[-1366](#)

Code: PSC

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

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

To the Council:

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

14. [TMP](#)
[-1376](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Amendment for Metro Green](#)

Moved: CM Boxhill, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

On the question: none

Response: CM Gleason - abstain because she does business with the company.

Item needs to go for second vote

approved

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

Abstain: Councilperson Gleason

15. [TMP](#)
[-1345](#)

Code: Comptroller

Attachments: [COMP2025-07 Recommendation to Extend the Tax Interest Amnesty](#)
[Program](#)

Moved: CM Boxhill, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

16. [TMP-1372](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [COMP2025-8– Request for Budget Transfer to Support Charter Review Legal Services](#)

Moved: CM Boxhill, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

17. [TMP-1371](#)

Code: FP

Moved: CM Boxhill, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

ADD-ON

To the Council:

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

18. [TMP-1385](#)

Attachments: [A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY, HONORING THE LEGACY OF MS. VERONICA GILL](#)

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

To the Council:

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

19. [TMP](#)
[-1388](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [PAC Application](#)

Moved: CM Gleason, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: Pro Tempore Poteat

To the Council:

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

20. [TMP](#)
[-1384](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Temporary Help Ref letter](#)

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Boxhill

On the question: none

Response: none

adopted

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

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Council President Browne - reminded the public that there will be a press conference tomorrow for the residential camera program.

Councilmember Thompson - reminded the public of a youth bureau event and to keep the Hamlin family in prayer.

Motion to adjourn

Moved: CM Thompson, **Seconded:** CM Gleason

approved

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

There being no other further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Nicole Bonilla, MBA
City Clerk