

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

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

### **City Council**

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

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, J.D.  
Deputy City Clerk*

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**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:

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1. **TMP**  
**-1361**

**Code:** LPW

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

**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

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**[TMP  
-1362](#)****Code:** LPW**Attachments:** [Referral Letter -Bloomberg Harvard City Leads](#)  
[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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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8.

**[TMP](#)**  
**[-1368](#)**

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [Declaration of Emergency- City Owned Proper 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:

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**[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

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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

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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:

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12. [\*\*TMP\*\*](#)  
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**Code:** PSC

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**Attachments:** [FDMV Referral - Provisional Deputy Chief 20](#)

**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

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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:

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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\**



denied

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Pro Tempore Poteat

**Abstain:** Councilperson Gleason

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

**Code:** Comptroller

**Attachments:** [COMP2025-07 Recommendation to Extend th](#)  
[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

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16. [TMP](#)  
[-1372](#)

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [COMP2025-8– Request for Budget Transfer to](#)  
[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

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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:

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18. **[TMP](#)**  
**[-1385](#)**

**Attachments:** [A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT VERNON, NY, HONORING THE LATE 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:

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

**Code:** LPW

**Attachments:** [PAC Application](#)

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

**On the question:** none

**Response:** none

adopted

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**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:

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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

