

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 8, 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, OCTOBER 8, 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; Jordan A. Riullano, Deputy City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Marvin Robbins, Mount Vernon, NY Topic: Overgrown trees near Lorraine Terrace 8:50 pm
2. Tersila Cavanna-Ferrando, Mount Vernon, NY No Show
3. Peter Tsachalis, Mount Vernon, NY No Show
4. Cynthia Crenshaw, Mount Vernon, NY No Show
5. Delores Mack, Mount Vernon, NY 8:54 pm
6. Corretta Palmer, Mount Vernon, NY No Show
7. Evangelyn Ramsey, Mount Vernnon, NY 8:57 pm
8. Muhammad Irfan Qadir, Mount Vernon, NY No Show 8:57 pm

Council Responses:

Councilman Gleason - spoke on mitigating issues from the speakers list and have been in contact with Department of Public Works on the addressed issues and active plans and improvements being made regarding pedestrian safety.

Councilman Boxhill - expressed his agreeance with removing the tree and re purposing the area.

Councilman Thompson - expressed actively working with DPW on resolving the addressed issues

Councilman Poteat - no additional comment

Council President Browne - addressed getting the residents a timeline and for AA to maintain contact. The Doles Center renaming is on tonight’s agenda. Explained that sidewalks are homeowner property unless a tree is damaging the sidewalk. Expressed GRANT possibility for homeowners and sidewalk repairs. Explained the role of the City Council and the role of the Administration, the Mayors Office. The City Council does advocate for the constituents.

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

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

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

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- 1. [TMP-1665](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Request for Use of City Hall Plaza Public Hearing on Vernon Stands Against Domestic Violence](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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- 2. [TMP-1661](#)

Code: LPW

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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- 3. [TMP-1655](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Emergency Tree Removal- Dead Oak Trees along Parkway](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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4. [TMP-1660](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [FEMA HMGP Amendment](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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5. [TMP-1663](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Request for Enrollment Approval and Funding: \(GPM-b\) Certification](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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6. [TMP-1656](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Street Re Naming Referral](#)
[Street Re Naming Policy](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: Councilmember Poteat - Abstain
(recommendation that the Council should not be able to choose the street re-naming and the person should have affiliation with the requested street)

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Pro Tempore Poteat

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7. [TMP-1687](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter Transfer of Funds 10-2025](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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8. [TMP-1688](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Referral Letter - Board of Ed appointment 10-2](#)

Moved: Councilman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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9. [TMP-1681](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Stephanie Mills](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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10. [TMP-1682](#)

Code: HR

Attachments: [Dept Rec Quilting Room Evelyn Young](#)

Moved: Councilman Thompson, Seconded by Councilman Gleason

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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11. [TMP-1634](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Passport Labs Referral Letter](#)
[Complus Data Innovations Ordinance](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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12. [TMP-1664](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION COU](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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13. [TMP-1666](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [FEMALE ENFORCERS TRAINING](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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14. [TMP-1667](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [FUNDS TRANSFER - TYLER PAYMENT](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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15. [TMP-1672](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [FUNDS TRANSFER - PRISONER MEALS](#)

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Thompson

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

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16. [TMP-1689](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Letter to City Council with FEAF 2025.10.02. The Grace_EAF1_forPrinting2 Notice](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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17. [TMP-1658](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [AMENDED REFERRAL LETTER-ORDINANCE 2025](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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18. [TMP-1686](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [COMP2025-16 - Acceptance of the 2020 Annual FINANCIAL - 2020 City of Mount Vernon Financial](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion to take items #19 - 25 as a block vote

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Poteat

take items as block vote

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

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19. [TMP-1673](#)

Code: FP

Corporation Counsel Johnson - we sold a property on Fulton Ave, after emergency demolition.
CM Poteat - commented on the city government working.

approved the Consent Agenda

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

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Councilman Poteat, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk