

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

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CITY HALL, MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK 10550  
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## **Meeting Agenda - Final-revised**

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

**4:00 PM**

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

### **Board of Estimate & Contract**

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**Call to Order: At 4:00 PM by Chairwoman Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard**

- Roll Call: Roll Call and reading of agenda items administered by City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters.
- OTHERS: Chief of Staff Malcolm Clark, Corporation Counsel Brian Johnson, Deputy Corporation Counsel Johan Powell, City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters, Deputy City Clerk Nicole Bonilla, Assistant Comptroller Condell Hamilton

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENDA**

1. Office of the Mayor: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to attend the Democratic Mayors Association "Champions of Democracy Summit" in Washington DC. (May 9 - 11, 2024)
2. Office of the Mayor: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor's attendance at the 2024 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Membership Conference (May 15 - 17, 2024).
3. Office of the Mayor: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to attend the 2024 EPA Local Government Advisory Committee's (LGAC) Public Meeting (Washington DC, May 21 and May 22, 2024).
4. Department of Recreation: An ordinance authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of the Annual Community Baby Shower (co-sponsorship with Senator Bailey's office on May 10, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Doles Community Center).
5. Department of Recreation: An ordinance authorizing the Department to co-sponsor the Cinco de Mayo Celebration in collaboration with Westchester Latinos Unidos
6. Youth Bureau: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) - (March 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024).
7. Youth Bureau: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement with Chef Giovanni Green of Break Bread not Hearts (March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024).
8. Youth Bureau: An ordinance authorizing attendance at the National Association for Relationship and Marriage Education (NARME) Summit (June 23rd to June 26, 2024)
9. Department of Buildings: An ordinance authorizing Retroactive Payment for Repairs on Non-City-Owned Properties
10. Department of Public Safety: An ordinance authorizing retroactive attendance for two (2) Members of Service ("MoS") at the Consensual Encounters Training (Thursday, February 8, 2024)(Not Adopted - 2nd vote Needed).

**SETTLEMENT RESOLUTIONS**

11. Settling the claim of Joseph, Marcus - (\$1,500)

12. Settling the Claim of Latt George - (\$35,000)

**TAX REVIEW SETTLEMENTS**

13. Tax Review Settlement - RS South 6th Avenue Family Limited Partnership - (\$15,813.95)  
14. Tax Review Settlement - JKM 510 S. Fulton Avenue Realty, LLC - (\$3,132.69)

**SETTLEMENT RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED**

15. Settlement of Board of Education of the Mount Vernon City School District v. City of Mount Vernon (\$2,112,233)

**Agenda was concluded at \_\_\_\_ PM**

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

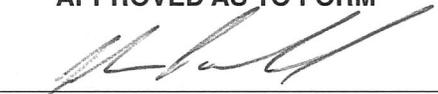
**Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_**

**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing the Mayor to attend the Democratic Mayors Association "Champions of Democracy Summit" in Washington DC - (May 9 - 11, 2024) - (\$1,000.00 to be allocated from Budget Code A1210.402, Travel), be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
*Deputy*

**ADOPTED BY  
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Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ATTEND THE DEMOCRATIC MAYORS ASSOCIATION "CHAMPIONS OF DEMOCRACY SUMMIT" IN WASHINGTON DC (May 9-11, 2024)**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 11, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing her to attend the Democratic Mayors Association "Champions of Democracy Summit" in Washington DC from May 9 – 11, 2024; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor of Mount Vernon must stay informed and connected with national initiatives and policies that impact the Mount Vernon community; and

**Whereas**, the Democratic Mayors Association "Champions of Democracy Summit" offers valuable opportunities for the Mayor to engage with officials from the Biden-Harris team and gain insights into upcoming initiatives from the White House; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor's attendance at the summit will empower her with the knowledge and resources necessary to effectively communicate and mobilize proactive initiatives within the Mount Vernon community; and

**Whereas**, the summit will cover a wide range of topics including The Housing Crisis, Public Safety, Economic Development, Dealing with Polarization, Social Advocacy, Immigration, Voting Rights, and How to Develop Strategic Alliances; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to allocate funds for the Mayor's attendance at the Democratic Mayors Association "Champions of Democracy Summit"; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to attend the Democratic Mayors Association "Champions of Democracy Summit" in Washington DC May 9 – 11, 2024.

**Section 2. Expenditure Limit.** The total cost of the trip, including transportation, incidentals, and hotel expenses, shall not exceed \$1,000.

**Section 3. Funding Source.** The expenses related to the Mayor's attendance at the summit shall be expensed from budget A 1210.402 – Travel.

**Section 4. Purpose of Attendance.** The Mayor's attendance at the Democratic Mayors Association "Champions of Democracy Summit" is intended to empower her with the knowledge and resources necessary to effectively communicate and mobilize proactive initiatives within the Mount Vernon community.

**Section 5. Summit Sessions.** The summit sessions shall cover various topics including The Housing Crisis, Public Safety, Economic Development, Dealing with Polarization, Social Advocacy, Immigration, Voting Rights, and How to Develop Strategic Alliances.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this ordinance.

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**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing the Mayor's attendance at the 2024 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Membership Conference – (May 15 -17, 2024, cost not to exceed \$1,500 from Budget Code 1210.402, Travel), be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S ATTENDANCE AT THE 2024 NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS (NYCOM) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE (May 15-17, 2024)**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 10, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing her to attend the 2024 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Membership Conference from May 15-17, 2024, in Bolton Landing, New York; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon has been invited to attend the 2024 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Membership Conference in Bolton Landing, New York; and

**Whereas**, it is deemed beneficial for the Mayor to attend such conferences to foster partnerships, exchange ideas, and gain knowledge that will directly benefit the residents of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the cost of registration for the conference shall not exceed \$600.00 and the total cost of the trip, including transportation, incidentals, registration fees, and hotel fees, shall not exceed \$1,500.00; and

**Whereas**, the expenses related to travel and hotel fees for the Mayor's attendance at the NYCOM Annual Membership Conference will be sourced from Budget A1210.402 – Travel;

**Whereas**, as a member of the NYCOM Executive Committee, attending the Annual Membership Conference will enable the Mayor to engage with other conference members, attend workshops, participate in committee meetings, and connect with vendors providing essential products and services; and

**Whereas**, the workshops at the conference will cover a variety of innovative topics relevant to municipal governance and administration, including but not limited to Health Insurance Options for Local Governments, Strategies for Stopping Illegal Cannabis Sales, State and Federal Funding Opportunities, Managing Water Resources in Communities, In Rem Tax Enforcement Post Tyler, Emergency Management for Elected and Appointed Officials, Volunteer Firefighter Issues, and Ethics for Local Officials;  
**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to attend the 2024 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Membership Conference from May 15-17, 2024, in Bolton Landing, New York.

**Section 2. Financial Provisions:**

(a) The cost of registration for the conference shall not exceed \$600.00.

(b) The total cost of the trip, including transportation, incidentals, registration fees, and hotel fees, shall not exceed \$1,500.00.

(c) The expenses associated with the Mayor's attendance at the NYCOM Annual Membership Conference shall be expensed from Budget A1210.402 – Travel.

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**Section 3. Purpose of Attendance.** The Mayor's attendance at the NYCOM Annual Membership Conference is intended to facilitate networking opportunities, knowledge exchange, and partnership building for the benefit of the residents of Mount Vernon.

**Section 4. Workshop Topics.** The Mayor shall actively participate in workshops covering a range of topics relevant to municipal governance and administration, as outlined in the "Whereas" clauses of this ordinance.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/24/2024  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Potest: Absent    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

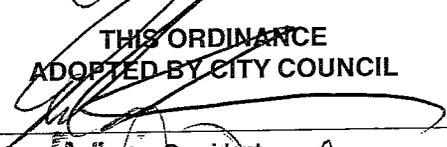
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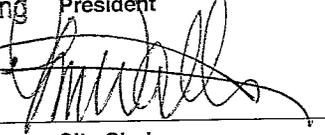
  
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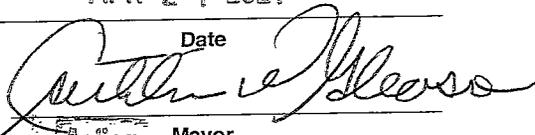
  
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THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

  
Acting President

ATTEST  
  
City Clerk

APPROVED  
APR 24 2024

Date  
  
By Acting Mayor

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APR 30 2024

**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing the Mayor to attend the 2024 EPA Local Government Advisory Committee's (LGAC) Public Meeting - (May 21-22, 2024 - \$1,500.00 to be expensed from Budget Code A1210.402, Travel), be and the same is hereby approved.

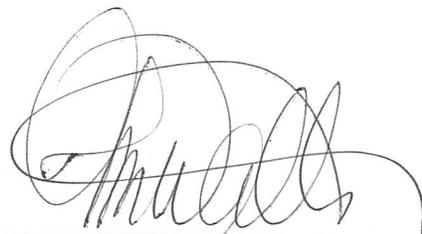
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Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
*Deputy*

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR TO ATTEND THE 2024 EPA LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S  
(LGAC) PUBLIC MEETING (May 21-22, 2024)**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 11, 2024, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing her to attend the 2024 EPA Local Government Advisory Committee's Public Meeting in Washington DC on May 21 - 22, 2024; and

**Whereas**, the EPA Local Government Advisory Committee is an independent, policy-oriented advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on critical environmental issues impacting local governments; and

**Whereas**, as a member of the EPA Local Government Advisory Committee, attending the public meeting in May will enable the Mayor to participate in discussions around Climate Communications, Reducing Plastic Pollution, and Environmental Justice while presenting the Mount Vernon perspective to EPA decision-makers; and

**Whereas**, it is deemed beneficial for the City of Mount Vernon for its Mayor to attend such meetings to stay informed on environmental policies and contribute to discussions that may impact the city;

**Whereas**, the entire trip, including transportation, incidentals, and hotel, should not exceed \$1,500.00 with the costs of travel and lodging to be reimbursed by The Environmental Protection Agency after the meeting concludes; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to attend the 2024 EPA Local Government Advisory Committee's Public Meeting in Washington DC on May 21-22, 2024.

**Section 2. Expenditure Limit.** The total expenditure for the trip, including transportation, incidentals, and hotel, shall not exceed \$1,500. Costs of travel and lodging shall be reimbursed by The Environmental Protection Agency after the meeting concludes.

**Section 3. Funding Source.** The cost of the travel and hotel fees shall be expensed from budget A1210.402 – Travel.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

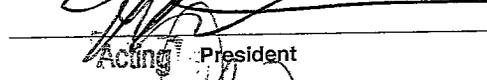
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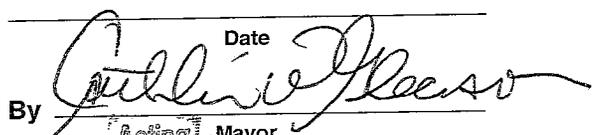
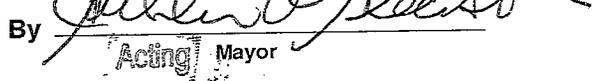
  
Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

  
Acting President

**ATTEST:**   
City Clerk

**APPROVED**  
APR 24 2024

  
Date  
By   
Acting Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/24/2024  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Poteat: Absent    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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APR 30 2024

**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of the Annual Community Baby Shower (May 10, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Doles Community Center - \$2,500 shall be allocated from Budget Code A7310.104, Part-Time Salaries, to cover the expenses associated with providing additional staffing for the event), be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

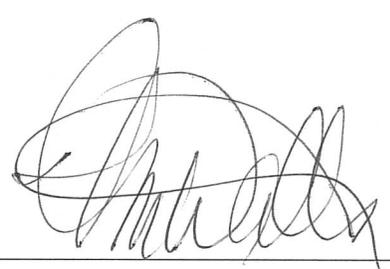
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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
*Deputy*

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APR 24 2024

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 11, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing the co-sponsorship of the Annual Community Baby Shower, to be held on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Doles Community Center, 250 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Recreation, in collaboration with Senator Bailey's office, has requested the City Council's endorsement to co-sponsor the Annual Community Baby Shower; and

**Whereas**, the Community Baby Shower is an initiative aimed at providing practical assistance, emotional support, and a sense of community to expectant parents and families by offering essential baby supplies, educational resources, and a supportive environment; and

**Whereas**, the event fosters connections among facilities, healthcare professionals, volunteers, and local organizations, creating a network of support that extends beyond the event itself, thereby celebrating the joy of new life and emphasizing the importance of collective care and compassion in welcoming every child into the world; and

**Whereas**, the level of co-sponsorship from the Recreation Department includes the utilization of the Doles Center, donation of supplies, and provision of additional staffing for the event; and

**Whereas**, the estimated cost to the city for co-sponsoring this event is approximately \$2,500, to be allocated from Budget Code A7310.104 (Part-Time Salaries); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Co-Sponsorship Approval.** The City Council of Mount Vernon hereby approves the co-sponsorship of the Annual Community Baby Shower, to be held on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Doles Community Center, 250 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY.

**Section 2. Utilization of Doles Center.** The Department of Recreation is authorized to utilize the Doles Community Center for the Annual Community Baby Shower event on the specified date and time.

**Section 3. Funding.** An amount not exceeding \$2,500 shall be allocated from Budget Code A7310.104 (Part-Time Salaries) to cover the expenses associated with providing additional staffing for the event.

**Section 4. Donation of Supplies.** The Recreation Department is directed to donate essential baby supplies to support the Annual Community Baby Shower event.

**Section 5. Additional Staffing.** The Recreation Department shall provide additional staffing as necessary to ensure the successful execution of the Annual Community Baby Shower.

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**Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.

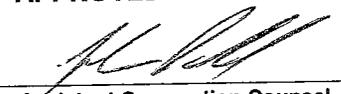
**Section 7. Repeal.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 8. Publication.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance under the laws of the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 9. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

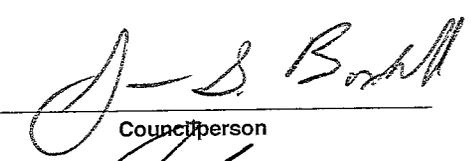
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Poteat: Absent    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

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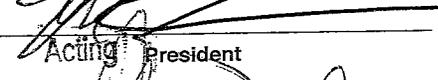
  
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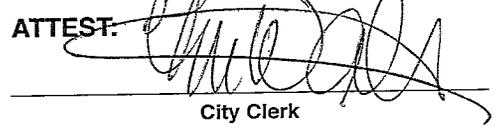
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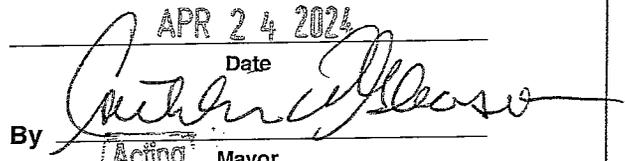
  
Acting President

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

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Date

  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Acting Mayor

APR 30 2024

**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the Cinco de Mayor Celebration in Collaboration with Westchester Latinos Unidos - (Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Howard Street Playground - \$1,500 to be allocated from Budget Code A7620.457, Recreation Features & Other Expenses), be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION IN COLLABORATION WITH WESTCHESTER LATINOS UNIDOS**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 15, 2024, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation has requested legislation authorizing the Department to co-sponsor the Cinco de Mayo Celebration scheduled on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Howard Street Playground, in partnership with Westchester Latino Unidos; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Recreation, in collaboration with Westchester Latino Unidos, seeks to organize and host the Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Howard Street Playground; and

**Whereas**, the Cinco de Mayo celebration is an eagerly awaited event that promises a vibrant celebration of flavor, music, and cultural pride; and

**Whereas**, the previous year's festivities were exceptionally successful, with the vibrant energy of Mexican heritage enriching every aspect of the celebration; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Recreation will co-sponsor the event with Westchester Latinos Unidos, providing the venue and organizing various entertaining activities; and

**Whereas**, the estimated cost to the city for co-sponsoring this event is approximately \$1,500, to be allocated from Budget Code A7620.457 (Recreation Features & Other Expenses); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Co-Sponsorship.** The Department of Recreation is hereby authorized to co-sponsor the Cinco de Mayo Celebration scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Howard Street Playground, in partnership with Westchester Latino Unidos.

**Section 2. Responsibilities.** The Department of Recreation shall be responsible for providing the venue and organizing fun activities for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

**Section 3. Funding.** An amount not exceeding \$1,500 shall be allocated from Budget Bode A7620.457 (Recreation Features & Other Expenses) to cover the expenses associated with co-sponsoring the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Repeal.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

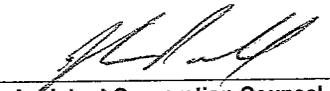
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**Section 6. Publication.** This ordinance shall be published and become effective under the laws of the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

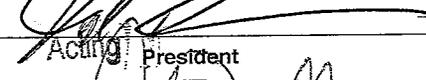
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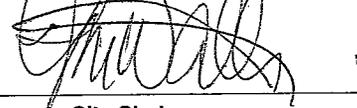
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*Deputy*

  
Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
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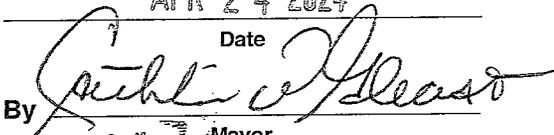
  
Acting President

**ATTEST:**   
City Clerk

**APPROVED**

APR 24 2024

Date

  
By Acting Mayor

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**RESOLVED**, that a resolution adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) for Fixed-Based Operator-Line Service Technician and Customer Service Careers Training – (March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, the total amount of \$30,000.00: \$24,000.00 from Revenue Code A4790.6, appropriated in Budget Code A6296.458, Misc.-GVP, and \$6,000.00 from Revenue Code A4790.6, appropriated in Budget Code A6295.405, Contracted Outside Services-WDAY/Project RISE), be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
*Deputy*

**ADOPTED BY  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE  
AND CONTRACT**

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**APPROVED**  
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AND BARRINGTON IRVING TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL (BITTS) FOR FIXED-BASED OPERATOR-LINE SERVICE TECHNICIAN AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CAREERS TRAINING**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 8, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement with Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) to conduct Fixed-Based Operator-Line Service Technician and Customer Service Careers training from March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of providing training opportunities to its residents to enhance their skills and employability; and

**Whereas**, Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) offers comprehensive training programs in Fixed Based Operator-Line Service Technician and Customer Service Careers, which align with the needs of the aviation industry; and

**Whereas**, the City has secured grants from WDAY and Project RISE to fund the training program provided by BITTS; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor seeks authorization from the City Council to enter into an agreement with BITTS to conduct the training program from March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$30,000.00; **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 agreement with Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS) to conduct Fixed-Based Operator-Line Service Technician and Customer Service Careers training from March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024.

**Section 2. Training Program Overview.** The training program provided by BITTS shall offer a concise yet comprehensive exploration of key industry facets, including Fixed-Based Operations (FBO), marshaling, ground service equipment, and customer service in aviation.

**Section 3. Funding Allocation.** The funds for the training program shall be allocated as follows:

- \$24,000.00 from Revenue Code A4790.6, appropriated in Budget Code A6296.458 (Misc.-GVP).
- \$6,000.00 from Revenue Code A4790.6, appropriated in Budget Code A6295.405 (Contracted Outside Services-WDAY/Project RISE).

**Section 4. Retroactive Referral.** This referral is retroactive and is funded by grants received from WDAY and Project RISE.

**Section 5. Reimbursement.** The training program is county and state-funded and requires no matching, but it is considered as a reimbursable grant.

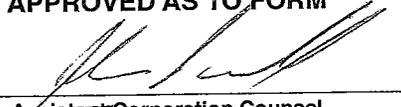
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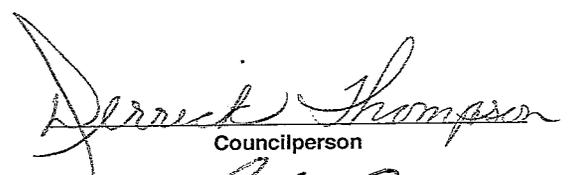
**Section 6. Publication.** The City Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance under the laws of the State of New York.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

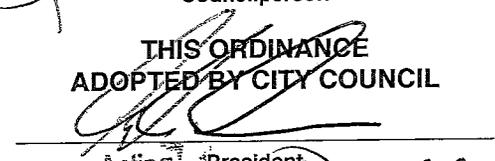
Vote Taken As Follows: 4/24/2024  
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Poteat: Absent    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

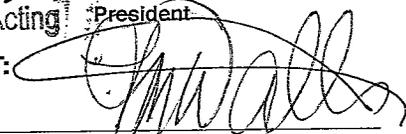
  
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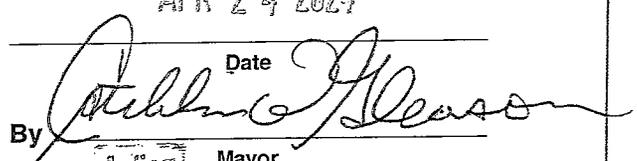
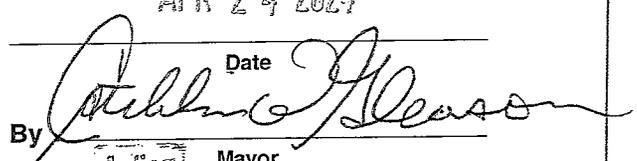
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ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

  
Acting President

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk

**APPROVED**  
APR 24 2024

  
By  Acting Mayor

**APPROVED**

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**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an Agreement with Chef Giovanni Green of Break Bread Not Hearts - (March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024. Funds in the amount of \$8,925.00 allocated for this program shall be accounted for in Revenue Code A2229.8, Westchester County Youth Bureau Grant-KIDS, with appropriations in Budget Code A7318.405, Contracted Outside Services), be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024

Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea

Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
*Deputy*

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH CHEF GIOVANNI GREEN  
OF BREAK BREAD NOT HEARTS**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 8, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to retroactively enter into an agreement with Break Bread Not Hearts, represented by Chef Giovanni Green, for the implementation of the Food Literacy curriculum as outlined in this ordinance; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of community programs that empower and educate its residents, particularly its youth, in making healthier and more informed food choices; and

**Whereas**, Break Bread Not Hearts, in collaboration with the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's SP4OG Program, seeks to implement a Food Literacy curriculum aimed at achieving these goals; and

**Whereas**, the "Cooking UP Community" initiative, spearheaded by Chef Giovanni Green, emphasizes the significance of locally sourced food and culinary diversity within the community; and

**Whereas**, the City Council acknowledges the positive impact such programs can have on the overall health and well-being of Mount Vernon residents, as well as the enhancement of culinary skills and cultural appreciation among participants; and

**Whereas**, the financial aspects of the program have been diligently planned and accounted for, with funding allocated through Revenue Code A2229.8 (Westchester County Youth Bureau Grant-KIDS) with appropriations in Budget Code A7318.405 (Contracted Outside Services), without imposing any additional burden on the city's budget; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Break Bread Not Hearts, represented by Chef Giovanni Green, for the implementation of the Food Literacy curriculum as outlined in this ordinance.

**Section 2. Program Details.** The service period for the program shall commence on March 1, 2024, and conclude on June 30, 2024.

- The total amount allocated for this agreement shall be \$8,925.00.
- Chef Giovanni Green shall conduct 17 sessions, each lasting 3 hours, aimed at providing participants with culinary skills and food literacy education.
- A culminating event shall be organized at the end of the program, where participants will showcase their skills in a cook show-and-tell or cook-off event, open to parents and community members.

**Section 3. Reporting and Documentation.** Chef Giovanni Green shall be responsible for gathering quantitative and qualitative data throughout the program duration to provide periodic reports and documentation regarding student progress and participation.

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**Section 4. Financial Provisions.** The funds allocated for this program shall be accounted for in Revenue Code A2229.8 (Westchester County Youth Bureau Grant-KIDS) with appropriations in Budget Code A7318.405 (Contracted Outside Services).

- The program is state-funded and does not require any matching funds from the city.

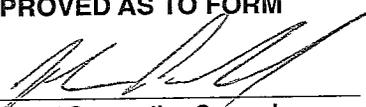
**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**Section 6. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 7. Publication.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this ordinance under the laws of the State of Mount Vernon.

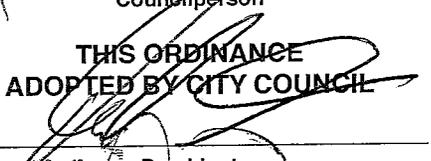
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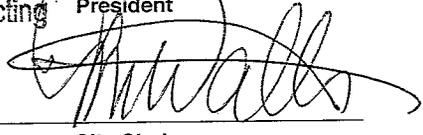
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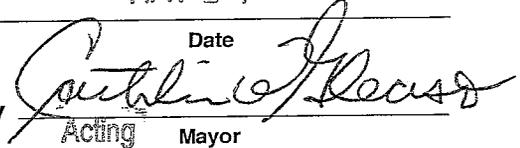
  
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THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

  
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 Acting President

ATTEST:   
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 City Clerk

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By   
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 Acting Mayor

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Vote Taken As Follows: 4/24/2024  
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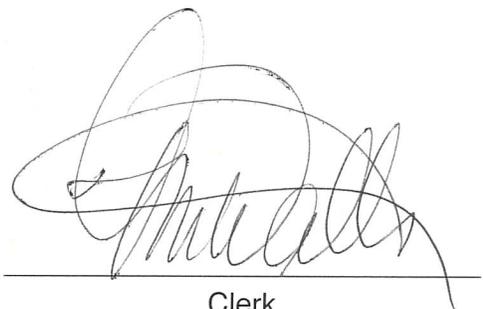
**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing attendance at the National Association for Relationship and Marriage Education (NARME) Summit - (June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 26, 2024; funds totaling \$3,000 to be allocated through Revenue Code A4820.4 and appropriations in Budget Codes A7335.402, Travel Expense, and A7335.423, Conference Expense), be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR RELATIONSHIP AND  
MARRIAGE EDUCATION (NARME) SUMMIT**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 12, 2024, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau has requested legislation authorizing the Executive Director and the Ready4LIFE Director to attend the National Association for Relationship and Marriage Education (NARME) Summit in Oklahoma City from Sunday, June 23, to Wednesday, June 26, 2024, as panelists representing the city alongside the Dibbles Institute; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of investing in the professional development of its key personnel, particularly those involved in youth and family services; and

**Whereas**, the National Association for Relationship and Marriage Education (NARME) provides invaluable knowledge and strategies for enhancing relationship education, family formation, and poverty prevention in communities across America; and

**Whereas**, the NARME Summit presents a unique opportunity for the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau Executive Director and the Ready4LIFE Director to participate as panelists alongside the esteemed Dibbles Institute; and

**Whereas**, the City Council acknowledges the significance of this Summit and the potential benefits it holds for the city's youth and family programs; and

**Whereas**, the financial aspects of attending the Summit have been thoroughly assessed and accounted for, with funds allocated through Revenue Code A4820.4 and appropriations in Budget Codes A7335.402 (Travel Expense) and A7335.423 (Conference Expense) totaling \$3,000, without imposing any additional financial burden on the city; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization for Attendance.** The Mayor of Mount Vernon is hereby granted authority to allow the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau Executive Director and the Ready4LIFE Director to attend the NARME Summit in Oklahoma City from Sunday, June 23, to Wednesday, June 26, 2024, as panelists representing the city alongside the Dibbles Institute.

**Section 2. Summit Costs.**

1. The costs associated with attending the Summit shall include:
  - Registration fees for two attendees: \$598 each
  - Hotel accommodations for two attendees for three nights: \$376.61 per person
  - Meals per diem for two people for four days (breakfast, lunch, and dinner): \$64 per day per person
  - Ground transportation to and from airports and the hotel for two attendees (estimated): \$500
  - Airfare for two attendees: \$480.30 per person, totaling \$960.60
2. The total cost of attendance shall not exceed \$3,000.

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**Section 3. Financial Provisions.**

- 1. The funds allocated for attendance at the Summit shall be accounted for in Revenue Code A4820.4.
- 2. Appropriations for Summit expenses shall be made from Budget Codes A7335.402 (Travel Expense) and A7335.423 (Conference Expense) in the amount of \$3,000.
- 3. The program is federally funded and does not require any matching funds from the city. Funds have already been allocated in the Comptroller's Office.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

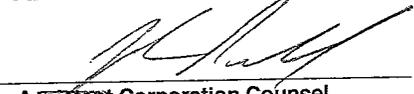
**Section 5. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

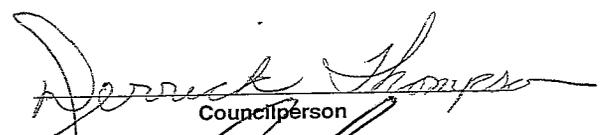
**Section 6. Publication.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this ordinance in accordance with the laws of the State of Mount Vernon.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

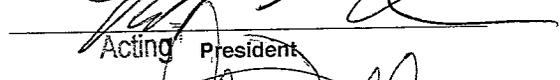
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 Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

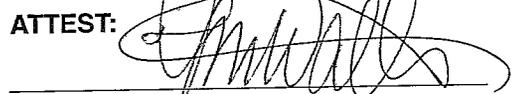
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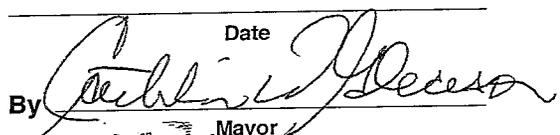
**THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

  
 Acting President

**ATTEST:**   
 City Clerk

**APPROVED**  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 By   
 Acting Mayor

**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing retroactive payment for repairs on non-city-owned properties:

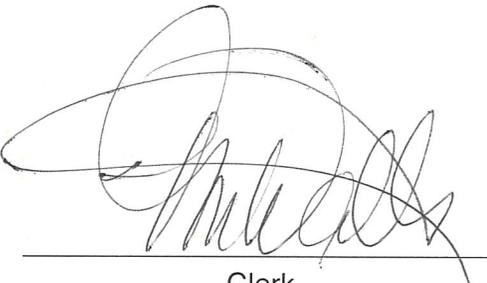
<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>
341 Fourth Avenue	\$3,250.00	2018
349 South Fourth Avenue	\$645.00	2018
102 Mount Vernon Avenue	\$1,650.00	2018
261 South Second Avenue	\$1,718.00	2019
48 Wildwood Avenue	\$600.00	2022
<b>Total: \$7,863.10</b>		

(Budget Code A3620.443, Emergency Unsafe Conditions), be and the same is hereby approved.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
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 Assistant Corporation Counsel  
 Deputy

**ADOPTED BY  
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 Clerk

**APPROVED**

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Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
RETROACTIVE PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS  
ON NON-CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES**

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 15, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Buildings has requested legislation authorizing retroactive payment of \$7,863.10 for repairs on non-city-owned properties as detailed below; and

**Whereas**, it is necessary for the City Council of Mount Vernon, New York, to authorize retroactive payment for repairs on non-city-owned properties; and

**Whereas**, the repairs undertaken were essential to address emergency unsafe conditions and ensure the safety and well-being of residents; and

**Whereas**, the total cost of the repairs on non-city-owned properties amounts to \$7,863.10; and

**Whereas**, funds for the repairs have been allocated from Budget Code A3620.443, Emergency Unsafe Conditions—2024 Budget; and

**Whereas**, property liens are to be placed on the following properties:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>
341 Fourth Avenue	\$3,250.00	2018
349 South Fourth Avenue	\$645.00	2018
102 Mount Vernon Avenue	\$1,650.00	2018
261 South Second Avenue	\$1,718.00	2019
48 Wildwood Avenue	\$600.00	2022
<b>Total: \$7,863.10</b>		

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization of Retroactive Payment.** The City Council hereby authorizes the retroactive payment of \$7,863.10 for repairs on non-city-owned properties as detailed above.

**Section 2. Source of Funds.** The funds for the repairs shall be allocated from Budget Code A3620.443, Emergency Unsafe Conditions—2024 Budget.

**Section 3. Property Liens.** Property liens shall be placed on the aforementioned properties to secure the repayment of the retroactive payment for repairs.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

**Section 5. Repeal.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

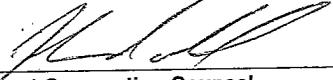
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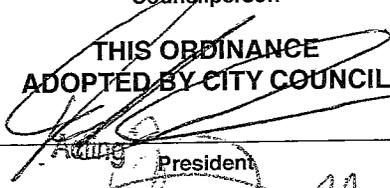
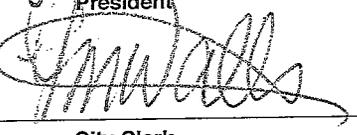
**Section 6. Publication.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Deputy

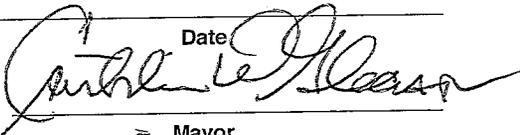
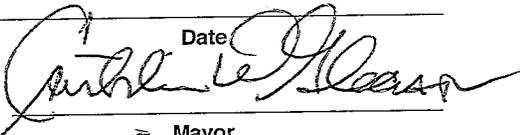
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**THIS ORDINANCE  
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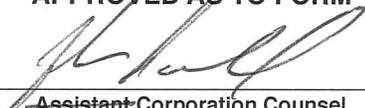
  
Date  
By   
Acting Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/24/2024  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Poteat: Absent    Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Ordinance Adopted

**RESOLVED**, that an ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2024, and signed by the Acting Mayor on April 24, 2024, authorizing retroactive attendance for two Members of Service ("MoS") at the Consensual Encounters Training - (February 8, 2024 - funds totaling \$250.00, to be satisfied in Revenue Code A3120.451, Training), be and the same is hereby approved.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 04/30/2024  
Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Deputy

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RETROACTIVE ATTENDANCE FOR TWO MEMBERS OF SERVICE ("MOS") AT THE CONSENSUAL ENCOUNTERS TRAINING

Whereas, by letter dated April 4, 2024, the Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation for the retroactive attendance of two Members of Service ("MoS") at the Consensual Encounters Training, held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Paladin Center located at 39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel, NY; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Safety recognizes the importance of ongoing training for its members; and

Whereas, the Consensual Encounters Training held on February 8, 2024, provided valuable knowledge and skills for law enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, the attendance of two MoS at the Consensual Encounters Training incurred a total cost of \$250.00 (\$125.00 per person); and

Whereas, the funds for this training were allocated in Budget Line A3120.451 (Training); 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 Attendance. The retroactive attendance of the two MoS at the Consensual Encounters Training, held on February 8, 2024, at the Paladin Center, is hereby approved and authorized.

Section 2. Funding. The total cost of \$250.00 for the Consensual Encounters Training for two MoS shall be satisfied from Budget Line A3120.451 (Training).

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Enactment. This ordinance shall be deemed enacted upon approval by the City Council and signature by the Mayor.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/24/2024  
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Nay  
Poteat: Absent Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Yea Ordinance Adopted

Vote Taken As Follows: 4/10/2024  
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Abstain  
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea  
Gleason: Nay Ordinance Not Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

Dept.

Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Acting President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED

APR 24 2024  
Date

By Catherine Gleason  
Acting Mayor

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**Whereas**, on February 2, 2024, JOSEPH, MARCUS filed a Notice of Claim seeking the sum of \$6,708.74 against the City of Mount Vernon for property damage allegedly caused to the claimant's 2005 Infiniti when claimant's unoccupied parked vehicle was struck by a Fire Department vehicle on January 10, 2024; and

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 22, 2024, the Corporation Counsel hereby recommends that the Board of Estimate & Contract approve the settlement of the aforesaid claim in the amount of \$1,500.00; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

**Resolved**, that the aforesaid claim of JOSEPH, MARCUS, be settled for the sum of \$1,500.00 and that said settlement be and the same hereby is approved; and be it further

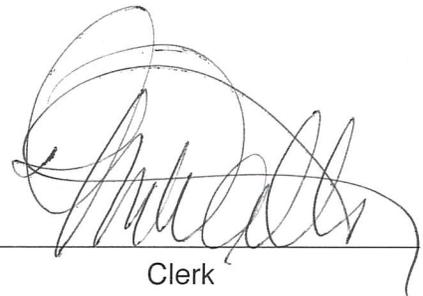
**Resolved**, that said sum be paid out of Budget Code A1910.469 (Insurance - Claims), 2024 Budget.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**



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Morton: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

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**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2023, the City of Mount Vernon (the "City") was served with a Summons & Complaint on behalf of LATT GEORGE who filed a federal lawsuit in the Southern District of New York seeking the sum of \$150,000.00 against the City for violation of his civil rights alleging, in part, assault and battery, wrongful incarceration, failure to intervene, malicious prosecution, among other things, and false arrest on November 22, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated March 6, 2024, the Corporation Counsel hereby recommends that the Board of Estimate and Contract approve the settlement of the aforesaid claim in the amount of \$35,000.00; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the claim of LATT GEORGE be settled for the sum of \$35,000.00 and that said settlement be and the same hereby is approved; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that said sum be paid out of Budget Code A1930.494 (Judgments & Settlements), 2024 Budget.

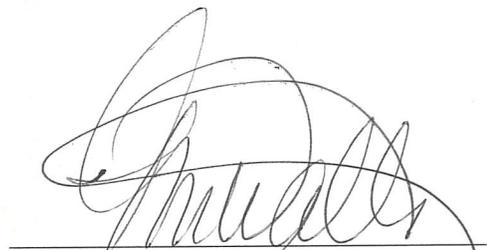
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Map No. 165.70 – Block: 3086 - Lot: 32

Assessment Year	Tax Year	Prior Total Assessment	Adjusted Total Assessment	Reduction	Tax to be Refunded by City
2023	2024	\$6,200.00	\$4,090.00	\$2,110.00	\$981.98

**TOTAL: \$981.98**

Map No. 165.70 – Block: 3086 - Lot: 31

Assessment Year	Tax Year	Prior Total Assessment	Adjusted Total Assessment	Reduction	Tax to be Refunded by City
2023	2024	\$100,000.00	\$66,020.00	\$33,980.00	\$15,813.95

**TOTAL: \$15,813.95**

**TOTAL REFUND: \$27,278.76** without costs and with interest, which interest shall be waived by petitioner if the refunds are paid within 90 days of the service of the judgment with notice of entry. Amount of refund based upon calculation and the assumptions that all taxes have been paid at the prior total assessment and all refunds will be paid within 90 days of service of the judgment with notice of entry. The amount to be actually refunded is subject to audit and approval of the Comptroller; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in each said case, the Commissioner of Assessment is hereby authorized, upon receipt of a certified copy of the proper judgment made by a Justice of the Supreme Court of the County of Westchester, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, to correct the respective assessment roll or rolls in relation to the said respective properties of the abovementioned property owner to reflect the respective reduced assessments as hereinabove set forth and provided in said judgment; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in any of the said cases, upon receipt by the Corporation Counsel of the certified copy of the respective appropriate judgment or order signed by a Justice of the Supreme Court of said County, in said respective proceedings, directing the correction of the assessment or assessments involved on the roll or rolls for the designated year or years, and directing a refund the excessive taxes paid as stated above, and settling and discontinuing such proceeding, with prejudice, which said papers shall be satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel and upon receipt by the Comptroller is hereby

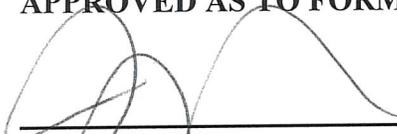
*D. Vandenberg*  
*4/19/24*

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 Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

authorized and directed to audit and allow and to draw a draft or drafts to the order of the said respective taxpayers or their attorneys who have paid said tax or taxes and are entitled to such refunds of the City taxes, without costs with interest which interest shall be waived by the petitioner if refunds as paid within 90 days of service of the judgment with notice of entry, and be it further

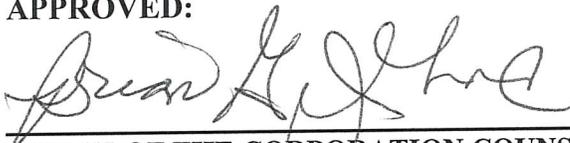
**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

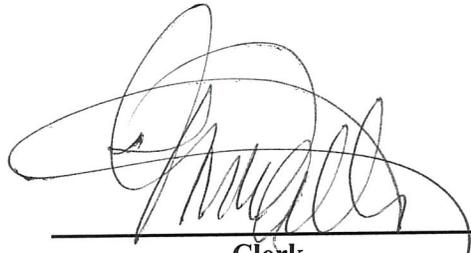
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**OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
Dept. LAW**

  
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**Clerk**

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Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

**WHEREAS**, proceedings for the review of final tax assessments have been brought against the City of Mount Vernon for the reduction of the final assessed valuations as hereinafter set forth;

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Vernon City Charter, section 152, provides that the Corporation Counsel shall, whenever he considers that the interests of the City will be subserved thereby, enter into a written agreement subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Contract to compromise and settle any claim against the City; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of the Corporation Counsel, this Board of Estimate and Contract deems it in the best interests of the City to settle said proceedings as hereinafter provided; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the settlements of tax review proceedings for the reduction of tax assessments brought in the Supreme Court, Westchester County, by the hereinafter named petitioner against the Commissioner of Assessment and the Board of Assessment Review, which proceedings are filed under the Westchester County Clerk's Index Numbers as indicated, are hereby authorized and directed, and the following assessed valuations of the said properties for the respective years hereinafter set forth are hereby allowed, together with refunds of excess taxes paid hereinafter provided:

<b>INDEX NOS.:</b> 63510/18	<b>PREMISES:</b> 510 SOUTH FULTON AVENUE
62995/19	Mount Vernon, NY
59378/20	<b>PETITIONER:</b> JKM 510 S. FULTON AVE
61656/21	REALTY, LLC
63749/22	

**Map 169.40, Block: 3143, Lot: 1**

Assessment Year(s)	Tax Year(s)	Prior Total Assessment	Adjusted Total Assessment	Reduction	Tax to be Refunded by City
2018	2019	\$55,000	\$51,615	3,385.00	1,366.25
2019	2020	\$55,000	\$50,700	4,300.00	1,766.44
2020	2021	\$55,000	\$55,000	-0-	-0-
2021	2022	\$55,000	\$55,000	-0-	-0-
2022	2023	\$55,000	\$55,000	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL:</b>					<b>3,132.69</b>

**TOTAL REFUND: \$3,132.69** without costs and with interest, which interest shall be waived by petitioner if the refunds are paid within 90 days of the service of the judgment with notice of entry. Amount of refund based upon calculation and the assumptions that all taxes have been paid at the prior total assessment and all refunds will be paid within 90 days of service of the judgment with notice of entry. The amount to be refunded is subject to audit and approval of the Comptroller; and be it further

*J. Vandyke*  
*4/19/24*

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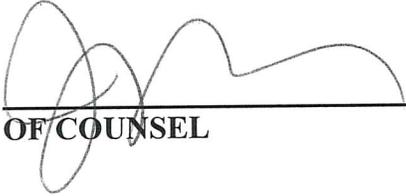
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**RESOLVED**, that in each said case, the Commissioner of Assessment is hereby authorized, upon receipt of a certified copy of the proper judgment made by a Justice of the Supreme Court of the County of Westchester, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, to correct the respective assessment roll or rolls in relation to the said respective properties of the abovementioned property owner to reflect the respective reduced assessments as hereinabove set forth and provided in said judgment; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in any of the said cases, upon receipt by the Corporation Counsel of the certified copy of the respective appropriate judgment or order signed by a Justice of the Supreme Court of said County, in said respective proceedings, directing the correction of the assessment or assessments involved on the roll or rolls for the designated year or years, and directing a refund the excessive taxes paid as stated above, and settling and discontinuing such proceeding, with prejudice, which said papers shall be satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel and upon receipt by the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to audit and allow and to draw a draft or drafts to the order of the said respective taxpayers or their attorneys who have paid said tax or taxes and are entitled to such refunds of the City taxes, without costs with interest which interest shall be waived by the petitioner if refunds as paid within 90 days of service of the judgment with notice of entry, and be it further

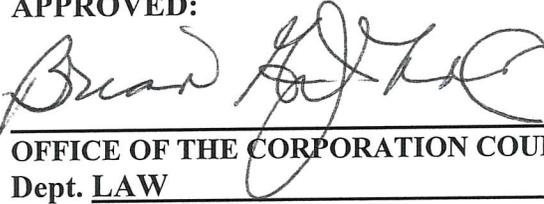
**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

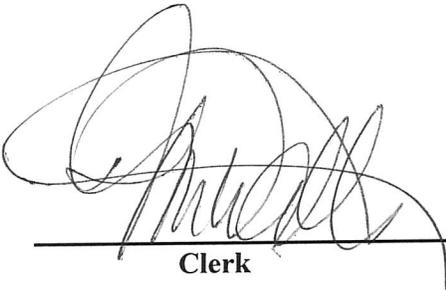
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**Clerk**

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Patterson-Howard: Yea Resolution Adopted

**Whereas**, the School District and the City of Mount Vernon have maintained a longstanding relationship and agreement, sharing services for the benefit of taxpayers; and

**Whereas**, the City, acting through its Comptroller, has historically collected taxes on behalf of the School District and remitted said taxes and any accrued interest on late payments to the School District; and

**Whereas**, during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, the former Comptroller, Deborah Reynolds, failed in her duty to collect all taxes owed on behalf of the School District and neglected to remit said taxes to the School District; and

**Whereas**, consequent to these lapses, the School Board initiated legal action against the City in the State Supreme Court of Westchester County, seeking the remittance of School Taxes and Interest collected and/or due; and

**Whereas**, the City reached a settlement regarding the total tax amount due, totaling \$11,734,627, with an initial payment of \$3,500,000, followed by monthly payments of \$350,000 from September 2023 to July 2025; and

**Whereas**, after the initial settlement, the School Board pursued further legal recourse for the loss of interest in the amount of \$3,168,349 which was negotiated, and a settlement amount of \$2,112,233 was agreed upon; and

**Whereas**, the School Board's lawsuit, filed against the City on July 17, 2023, sought the full 9% statutory interest rate available to them via State Law; and

**Whereas**, a settlement was reached for the sum of \$2,112,233, to be paid in equal monthly installments of \$100,000 for fifteen (15) consecutive months, with an interest rate of 6% instead of the State-imposed 9%; and

**Whereas**, by letter dated April 30, 2024, the Corporation Counsel hereby recommends that the Board of Estimate and Contract approve the settlement of the aforesaid claim in the amount of \$2,112,233.00; and

**Whereas**, the monthly interest payment of \$100,000 shall be combined with the \$350,000 monthly payment representing the repayment of the settled \$11,734,627, resulting in a total monthly payment of \$450,000 commencing in May 2024 and continuing until 2025; **Now, therefore, be it**

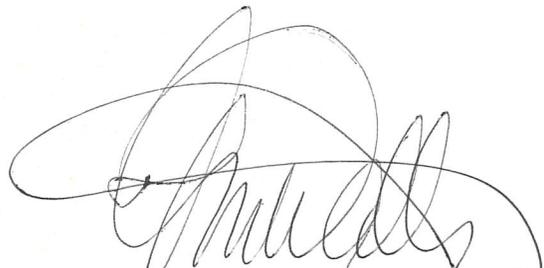
**Resolved**, that the City of Mount Vernon hereby acknowledges the aforementioned settlements and commits to fulfilling its financial obligations as outlined above, ensuring the timely and complete repayment of all outstanding amounts owed to the School District.

**Resolved**, that said sum be paid out of Budget Code A661.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Deputy

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