

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

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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 \_\_\_\_**



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**File #:** TMP -549

**Agenda Date:** 4/24/2024

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

**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.

### **City Council:**

**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.

**Section 7. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 8. Publication.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance under the requirements of law.

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



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**MALCOLM CLARK**  
*Chief of Staff*

April 11, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Dear Honorable Council members,

This letter comes as a request to the City Council for the enactment of legislation authorizing the Mayor to attend the Democratic Mayors Association “Champions of Democracy Summit” in Washington DC on May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The entire trip including transportation, incidentals, and hotel should not exceed \$1,000.00. (One thousand dollars). The cost of the travel and hotel fees will be expensed from budget A 1210.402 – Travel

The Democratic Mayors Association “Champions of Democracy Summit” will empower the mayor with the knowledge and resources necessary to effectively communicate and mobilize proactive initiative within the Mount Vernon community. The summit will host sessions with officials from the Biden-Harris team, and offer the Mayor insight about upcoming initiatives from the White House. This interactive summit provides in depth conversations on topics such as: The Housing Crisis, Public Safety, Economic Development, Dealing with Polarization, Social Advocacy, Immigration, Voting Rights, and How to Develop Strategic Alliances.

Please see the Democratic Mayor’s Association website for more information:  
[Agenda — Champions of Democracy Summit \(dmasummit.com\)](https://dmasummit.com)

In Service,

Shawyn Patterson-Howard, MPA  
Mayor

*“The Jewel of Westchester”*



# Schedule

## **Thursday, May 9 – Messaging**

7:00 am – 5:00 pm - **Registration**

8:00 am – 9:00 am - **Cities and Technology Breakfast**

*A breakfast conversation about technology challenges and solutions.*

9:00 am – 9:15 am - **Welcome**

*Mayor Kate Gallego*

9:15 am – 10:15 am - **Breaking Through: Messaging that Works**

*A discussion with key Democratic operatives on creating and delivering the most effective messaging in a divisive political environment.*

10:15 am – 12:00 pm - **Tackling the Big Three: Housing, Safety, and the Economy**

*Navigating messaging related to some of our cities' most complex issues.*

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm - **Lunch: Keynote Speaker**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm - **Messaging About Fundamental Rights and Values: Reproductive Rights and Immigration**

*Advocating for reproductive rights and messaging on immigration.*

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm - **Break**

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm - **Effective Messaging through Digital Media**

*Coaching session with digital and communications experts.*

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm - **Video Recording: Mayors on Message**

*Individual opportunities for Mayors to record short videos with professional digital staff.*

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm - **DMA Fundraiser**

*Please join current and former Democratic Mayors and special guests for an evening reception to support DMA.*

### **Friday, May 10 - Mobilizing**

8:00 am – 9:00 am - **Infrastructure Breakfast**

*A dialogue with partners on effective implementation of federal investments.*

9:00 am – 10:15 am - **Dissecting the Electorate**

*Insights into specific voting blocs.*

10:15 am – 11:00 am - **GOTV Best Practices**

*A conversation with experts on data-driven tactics to increase voter turnout.*

11:00 am – 11:15 am - **Break**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm - **Democratic Branding in 2024 and Beyond**

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm - **Lunch**

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm - **Biden-Harris Campaign Update/Dialogue**

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm - **Mobilizing with Labor**

*Building strategic relationships with Labor to get out the vote and more.*

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm - **2024 Down Ballot Snapshot**

*An overview of Senate and House Elections.*

4:45 pm – 5:45 pm - **Mayors in Action: Reports from the Field**

*An interactive session with Mayors on best practices for mobilizing and messaging.*

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm - **A Special Evening Event**

## **Saturday, May 11**

9:00 am – 10:30 am - **Breakfast and Closing Discussion**

**Democratic Mayors Association**

National Press Building - 529 14th St NW, Suite 1206  
Washington, DC 20045



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**File #:** TMP -548

**Agenda Date:** 4/24/2024

**Agenda #:** 2.

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

**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.

### **City Council:**

**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.

**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.



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April 10, 2024

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Dear Honorable Council members,

This letter comes as a request to the City Council for the enactment of legislation authorizing the Mayor to attend the 2024 New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Membership Conference in Bolton Landing New York on May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The cost of registration should not exceed \$600.00. The entire trip including transportation, incidentals, registration fees and hotel should not exceed \$1,500.00. (One thousand five hundred dollars). The cost of the travel and hotel fees will be expensed from budget A 1210.402 – Travel

As a member of the NYCOM Executive Committee, attending the Annual Membership Conference enables the Mayor to communicate with other conference members and establish partnerships which will benefit Mount Vernon residents. In addition to workshops on a variety of topics, conference participants will have the opportunity to network with peers from other municipalities, attend committee meetings, and connect with vendors who provide vital products and services. The workshops will include innovative topics such as: Health Insurance Options for Local Governments, Strategies for Stopping Illegal Cannabis Sales, State and Federal Funding Opportunities, Managing Water Resources in Your Communities, In Rem Tax Enforcement Post-Tyler, Emergency Management for Elected and Appointed Officials, Volunteer Firefighter Issues, and Ethics for Local Officials.

Please see the NYCOM website for more information:

[Home - New York Conference of Mayors \(nycom.org\)](http://nycom.org)

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**The Sagamore  
Bolton Landing**

*May 15-17, 2024*

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# Annual Meeting Tentative Agenda

## Wednesday, May 15, 2024

12:00 p.m.

NYCOM Registration Desk Opens

2:30 p.m.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

(all registrants are encouraged to attend)

- o Finance
- o Government Operations and Community Development
- o Employee Relations and Public Safety
- o Energy and Environment

4:00 p.m.

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

- o Albany Update
- o Handling Stress in the Workplace

- Volunteer Firefighter Issues
- Understanding Battery Storage in NYS

6:30 p.m.

WELCOME RECEPTION-STYLE DINNER

8:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

## Thursday, May 16, 2024

7:30 a.m.

NYCOM Registration Desk Opens

8:00 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- An Open Forum for Local Officials
- College Communities Roundtable

9:15 a.m.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

10:00 a.m.

PLENARY SESSION

11:15 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Exploring Health Insurance Options for Local Governments
- Promoting Civility in Your Communities
- Roles and Responsibilities

12:30 p.m.

LUNCH

2:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Positions of Employment in Local Government: Understanding the Nuances
- Policies Local Governments Must Have and Should Have
- State and Federal Funding Opportunities

3:30 p.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Managing Water Resources in Your Community
- Mastering Media Relations
- Strategies for Ending Illegal Cannabis Sales

5:45 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

7:00 p.m.

## ANNUAL BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

## FIREWORKS

# Friday, May 17, 2024

8:00 a.m.

NYCOM Registration Desk Opens

8:00 a.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Emergency Management for Elected and Appointed Officials
- Women's Advisory Committee

9:00 a.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Municipal Procurement and Competitive Bidding
- Ethics for Local Officials
- *In Rem* Tax Enforcement Post-Tyler

*NOTE: Schedule is Subject to Change*

*updated 4/1/24*



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**File #:** TMP -559

**Agenda Date:** 4/24/2024

**Agenda #:** 3.

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

**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.

### **City Council:**

#### **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.

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



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*Chief of Staff*

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Dear Honorable Council members,

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The EPA Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) is an independent, policy-oriented advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on critical environmental issues impacting local governments. 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.

Please see the LGAC website for more information:  
[Local Government Advisory Committee \(LGAC\) | US EPA](#)

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**MALCOLM CLARK**  
*Chief of Staff*

### **Tentative Itinerary**

#### **Monday, May 20, 2024 – Travel day**

#### **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – Full day of meetings**

Meetings will be held at the hotel, in the middle of the redeveloped Navy Yard neighborhood in Washington, D.C.

A full agenda will be available in May. At this time, plan to be on site or online 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time.

The agenda will include sessions on environmental justice/cumulative impacts, climate communications, and plastic pollution. Other sessions may be added over the coming weeks.

Members will be at their own leisure in the evening.

#### **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

Check out of hotel.



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**File #:** TMP -552

**Agenda Date:** 4/24/2024

**Agenda #:** 4.

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

**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.

### **City Council:**

#### **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.

**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.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Mayor

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KATHLEEN WALKER- PINCKNEY  
Commissioner

April 11, 2024

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
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Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**Re: Community Baby Shower**

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Department of Recreation, in collaboration with Senator Bailey's office, requests that the City Council adopt an Ordinance allowing us to co-sponsor the Annual Community Baby Shower. This event, scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2024, from 4 pm - 6 pm at the Doles Community Center- 250 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY, is a significant opportunity for us to contribute to the well-being of our community.

The Community Baby Shower is a heartwarming initiative designed to offer practical assistance, emotional support, and a sense of community to expectant parents and families. The event aims to alleviate the financial burden often associated with preparing for a new baby while empowering parents with valuable knowledge and skills by providing essential baby supplies, educational resources, and a supportive environment. Beyond material assistance, the Community Baby Shower fosters connections among families, healthcare professionals, volunteers, and local organizations, creating a network of support that extends well beyond the event itself. Ultimately, the Community Baby Shower celebrates the joy of new life and underscores the importance of collective care and compassion in ensuring that every child receives a warm welcome into the world.

The Recreation Department's level of co-sponsorship involves using the Doles, donating supplies, and providing additional staffing for the event. The cost should not exceed \$2,500.00 and will be satisfied from account code A7310.104.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Kathleen Walker- Pinckney





# City of Mount Vernon, New York

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**File #:** TMP -562

**Agenda Date:** 4/24/2024

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

**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.

### **City Council:**

#### **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.

**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.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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KATHLEEN WALKER- PINCKNEY  
Commissioner

April 15, 2024

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**Re: Cinco de Mayo Celebration**

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Department of Recreation, in partnership with Westchester Latino Unidos, requests that the City Council adopt an Ordinance allowing us to Co-sponsor the Cinco de Mayo. This event, scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2 pm. to 5 p.m., will be held in Howard Street Playground.

The Cinco de Mayo celebration is eagerly anticipated and promises a fiesta of flavor, music, and cultural pride. Last year's festivities were nothing short of spectacular, with the vibrant energy of Mexican heritage infusing every aspect of the celebration.

The Department of Recreation will co-sponsor with Westchester Latinos Unidos by supplying the venue and fun activities. The estimated cost to the city will be approximately \$1,500. That will come out of budget code A7620.457(Recreation features and other expenses).

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Walker- Pinckney*  
Commissioner of Recreation





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

**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.

### **City Council:**

**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.

**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.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
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*Deputy Director*

April 8, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council  
**Through the Office of the Mayor**  
City Hall – One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter comes to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation that will enable the Mayor to enter into an agreement with **(BITTS)** Barrington Irving Technical Training School to conduct Fixed Based Operator-Line Service Technician and Customer Service Careers training. The service period is from **March 1, 2024** to **June 30, 2024**, in the amount of **\$30,000.00**. This referral is retro and comes from two grants WDAY and Project RISE.

The BITTS course will offer a concise yet comprehensive exploration of key industry facets on-Line Service Technician and Customer Service roles. Beginning with a focus on Fixed-Base Operations (FBO), a crucial cornerstone in aviation, providing a comprehensive spectrum of services and facilities for private and business aircraft. FBO's fuel, hangar, move, and support business / general aviation aircraft across the country. The curriculum then delves into the integral role of marshalling for secure ground aircraft movement. Following this, it covers the various facets of ground service equipment, highlighting their impact on operational efficiency. The program concludes with a dedicated segment on elevating customer experience in aviation, emphasizing superior service and quality standards to enhance overall satisfaction. Collectively, these modules provide a holistic understanding of essential elements within the aviation landscape. Candidates will also conduct on site trips to three different FBO facilities who will become the employers of the candidates.

Funds are to be accounted for in revenue code A4790.6 with the appropriations in budget code A6296.458 in the amount of \$24,000 (Misc.-GVP) and budget code A6295.405 in the amount of \$6,000 (Contracted Outside Services-WDAY/Project RISE). The program is county and state funded and requires no matching but is considered as a reimbursable grant. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2344 or by email at [Dburrell@cmvny.com](mailto:Dburrell@cmvny.com).

Sincerely,

*Debbie Burrell-Butler*

Debbie Burrell-Butler  
Executive Director, MBA

**Enclosed:** Schedules A & B

**CC:** Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Darren Morton, Comptroller  
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel



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

**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.

### **City Council:**

#### **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.

**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.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.



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*Deputy Director*

April 8, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council  
**Through the Office of the Mayor**  
City Hall – One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter respectfully requests that the City Council enact legislation that will enable the mayor to enter into an agreement with Break Bread Not Hearts with Chef Giovanni Green. The service period is from March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, and the amount is **\$8,925.00**. This referral letter should be considered a **retro** from the Safe Place for Out Girls grant.

Break Bread Not Hearts, in collaboration with the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's SP4OG Program, aims to facilitate a Food Literacy curriculum. This program is designed to empower and educate participants on how to make healthier and more informed food choices, thereby improving their overall health. The culinary skills they will acquire will not only benefit them personally but also contribute to the community's culinary diversity. "Cooking UP Community" has been the slogan and driving manifesto of Break Bread Not Hearts, emphasizing the importance of the food that is being prepared and the farms and families that produce it. Chef Giovanni Green will gather quantitative and qualitative data to provide periodic reports and documentation regarding student progress and participation in this program. Chef Green will bring all the supplies; there will be 17 sessions, and each session is 3 hours. At the end of the program, there will be a culminating event showcasing the participants' skills in a cook show-and-tell or cook-off event where parents and community members can be in attendance.

The financial aspect of this program is well-planned and accounted for. The funds are to be accounted for in revenue code A2229.8 with the appropriations in budget code A7318.405 in the amount of \$8,925.00 (Contracted Outside Services). The program is state-funded and requires no matching funds, ensuring that it puts no burden on the city's budget. The financial aspect of this program is well-planned and accounted for in the Comptroller's Office, further confirming the financial feasibility of this proposal. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2344 or by email at [Dburrell@cmvny.com](mailto:Dburrell@cmvny.com).

Sincerely,

*Debbie Burrell-Butler*

Debbie Burrell-Butler  
Executive Director, MBA

**Enclosed:** Schedules A & B

**CC:** Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Darren Morton, Comptroller  
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### **Board of Estimate & Contract:**

**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.

### **City Council:**

#### **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.

**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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April 12, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council  
**Through the Office of the Mayor**  
City Hall – One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter respectfully requests that the City Council enact legislation that will enable the Mayor to grant the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau Executive Director and the Ready4LIFE Director permission to attend the highly significant NARME Summit in Oklahoma City as panelists with the esteemed Dibbles Institute from Sunday, June 23, to Wednesday, June 26, 2024. The Summit will be held at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel

The National Association for Relationship and Marriage Education (**NARME**) provides state, local, and national leaders with the knowledge and strategies needed for thriving communities across America in relationship education, family formation, and poverty prevention. The cost associated with the summit is as follows: Registration x2 **\$598**; Hotel x 2 (3 nights) **\$376.61**; Meals per diem **\$64** x 2 people \* 4 days (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) **\$512**; Ground Transportation to and from airports and hotel x2 (estimated) **\$500**; Airfare \$480.30 per person **\$960.60**.

The funds for this summit are to be accounted for in revenue code A4820.4 with the appropriations in budget code A7335.402 (Travel Expense) and &7335.423 (Conference Expense) in the amount of **\$3,000**. It's important to note that the program is federally funded and requires no matching, meaning the funds are already accounted for in the Comptroller's Office and will not impose any financial burden on the city. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2344 or by email at [Dburrell@cmvny.com](mailto:Dburrell@cmvny.com).

Sincerely,

*Debbie Burrell-Butler*

Debbie Burrell-Butler  
Executive Director, MBA

**Enclosed:** Confirmations

**CC:** Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Darren Morton, Comptroller  
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel

## NARME Workshop Schedule

Monday June 24

10:15 - 11:15 Workshops A (6)

**Name: Kristin Orphan & Mark Orphan**

Organization: Family Wellness

Presentation Title: Strengthening Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Families  
Faith Based

**Name: Alan J. Hawkins**

Organization: Utah Marriage Commission

Presentation Title: A Model State Legislative Agenda to Strengthen Marriages and  
Families

**Name: Catherine Wood**

Organization: Relationships Under Construction

Presentation Title: Generations - Your Secret to Success!

**Names: Sara Murry, Mariana Falconier, Zeinab (Sarah) Azizi, Jessica Fish, &  
Sarah Fritz**

Organization: University of Maryland

Presentation Title: TOGETHER Program LGBTQ+ Adaptation

**Name: Heather Carlile**

Organization: Private Practice

Presentation Title: Using the Enneagram for Relationships

**Name: Dr. Leah McCoy**

Organization: The Legacy Center, PLLC

Presentation Title: Lets Talk About Sex, The Sweetest Taboo: Examining the Impact of  
Sexual Messages on Marital and Sexual Satisfaction in African American Relationships

Monday June 24

11:30 - 12:30 Workshops B

**Names: Ronde Walch & Melody Barenbrugge**

Organization: Utah State University Extension

Presentation: Increase participation by building partnerships in the "Goldilocks zone": A Top-down, Grassroots Approach

**Name: Carl Caton**

Organization: The Marriage Initiative

Presentation Title: Leading a Community Collaboration

**Names: Tammy Daughtry & Jay S. Daughtry**

Organization: CoParenting International

Presentation Title: One Heart, Two Homes: Co-parenting Tools for Working with Single Parents, Stepparents, Never Married Parents and Today's Complex Families

**Name: Jeremy Walden**

Organization: Auburn University

Presentation Title: Fostering Foster Families

Faith Based

**Name: Lauren Reitsema**

Organization: Center for Relationship Education

Presentation Title: The Blueprint for Life Success

**Name: Kelly Roberts**

Organization: Oklahoma Christian University

Presentation Title: Sacred Ground: Meta-Lessons and Revelations from 25 Years in RME

Faith Based

Monday June 24

2:00 - 3:15 Workshops C

**Names: Dennis Stoica & Carl Caton**

Organization: Community Marriage Initiative

Presentation Title: Leading a Community Marriage Initiative  
Faith Based

**Names: Mindy Scott & Matthew Rivas-Koehl**

Organization: Child Trends

Presentation Title: Core Components of Relationship Education: Building Blocks for  
Family Well-being

**Names: Liz Shumate & Camal Pennington**

Organization: Public Strategies

Presentation Title: Key elements of positive impacts, the integration of research and  
responsive practice.

**Name: James Worthy**

Organization: National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

Presentation Title: Best Practices for Engaging Fathers in Relationship Education

**Names: Jo Anne Eason Allie Wallace, Sarah Simister, Mary Ann Slanina & Debbie  
Burrell-Butler**

Organization: The Dibble Institute

Presentation Title: Youth Programs That Work - What is Their Secret Sauce?

**Name: Doug Stephens**

Organization: Live the Life

Presentation Title: Building Your Team To Do Dream Work  
Faith Based

Tuesday June 25

11:00 - 12:15 Workshops D

**Name: Laresha Tyler**

Organization: Hope for Miami

Presentation Title: Using Qualitative Data in Evaluation: Amplifying Youth Voice for Program Improvement

**Name: Jerry Angelo**

Organization: Vanguard Marriage and Family Advocates

Presentation Title: Converting Opportunities Into Action Through Networking & Relationships  
Faith Based

**Name: Nikki Anarado**

Organization: Prepare to be Pursued

Presentation Title: How Intentional Dating Promote Healthy Dual-Parent Households  
Faith Based

**Name: Washington Jackson III**

Organization: MY CHANCE - HOUSTON

Presentation Title: Pass Me The Baton

**Name: Lisa Ross**

Organization: Anthem Strong Families

Presentation Title: Marketing to the Most Difficult Demographic

**Name: Stephanie D. McKenzie**

Organization: Digital Divine, LLC

Presentation Title: "Is Love Your Business?!?!"

Tuesday June 25

2:00 - 3:15 Workshops E (6)

**Name: Ron & Catherine Tijerina**

Organization: The Ridge Project, Inc

Presentation Title: The Effects of Incarceration on Marriage and Parenting

**Names: Mary Ann Slanina & Corey Odle**

Organization: Youth and Family Services

Presentation Title: Healthy Relationships-What Teens Need-AND want!

**Names: Alan Ray & Matthew Zoller**

Organization: MarriageTeam

Presentation Title: Marriage Coaching: A Paradigm Shift in Marriage Education  
Faith Based

**Names: Alan Hawkins (Moderator), Seth Chamberlain, Taffy Compain, & Kailiah Thomas (Discussants) and, other presenters to be identified**

Organization: Utah Marriage Commission

Presentation Title: The Federal Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood  
Initiatives: Reflecting on Lessons Learned, Thinking about Future Directions

**Name: Calvin Copeland**

Organization: Forever Love Coaching LLC

Presentation Title: Understanding the Purpose of Marriage and Relationships: A Path  
to Lasting Passion and Results  
Faith Based

**Names: Susanne M. Alexander & Monette Van Lith**

Organization: Marriage Transformation

Presentation Title: How to Have Fun Family Meetings That Build Unity  
Faith Based



# City of Mount Vernon, New York

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**File #:** TMP -564

**Agenda Date:** 4/24/2024

**Agenda #:** 9.

### Board of Estimate & Contract:

**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:

Property Address	Amount	Year
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.

### City Council:

### 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.

**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.



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
Mayor

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**Patrick G. Holder, R.A.**  
Commissioner

April 15, 2024

The Honorable City Council of the City of Mount Vernon  
City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

*THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

**Re: Authorization to Retroactively Pay for Repairs**

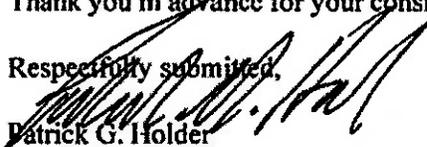
Dear Council President Gleason and Honorable City Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation which will allow authorization to retroactively pay for repairs for non-city owned properties. These unsafe and dangerous properties were repaired as far back as 2018 and the contractors remain unpaid today. The majority of the work occurred previous to this administration as detailed in the below chart. However, did not receive legislative approval during the previous administration who at the time deemed the repairs necessary for the safety of the community. Funds are available from Budget Code A.3620.443 budget line for emergency unsafe conditions in the 2024 Budget. The properties total cost of the liens is \$7,863.10. Property liens will be placed on the properties listed below:

341 Fourth Avenue	\$3,250.00	2018
349 S. Fourth Avenue	\$645.00	2018
102 Mt. Vernon Avenue	\$1,650.00	2018
261 So. Second Avenue	\$1,718.10	2019
48 Wildwood Avenue	\$ 600.00	2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,863.10</b>	

**Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
**Patrick G. Holder**  
Commissioner  
Department of Buildings



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**File #:** TMP -533

**Agenda Date:** 4/10/2024

**Agenda #:** 10.

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

**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.

### **City Council:**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RETROACTIVE ATTENDANCE FOR TWO (2) 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 attendance of two (2) 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 (2) MoS at the Consensual Encounters Training, held on February 8, 2024, at the Paladin Center, is hereby approved and authorized. Permission is also granted for said Members of Service to utilize a department vehicle to and from said training course.

**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.



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
BUREAU OF POLICE  
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**DAVID GIBSON**  
POLICE COMMISSIONER

**JENNIFER LACKARD**  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

**MARCEL OLIFIERS**  
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

**SHAWYN PATTERSON - HOWARD**  
MAYOR

April 4, 2024

**REVISED**

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**RE: Consensual Encounters Training FOR APPROVAL AT THE April 10th, 2024  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Department of Public Safety requests that the City Council retroactively approve a Resolution for two (2) Members of Service to attend the **Consensual Encounters Training** which was held on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The training was held at the Paladin Center at 39 Seminary Hill Road in Carmel Hamlet, NY.

The cost for this training for two (2) Members of Service was **\$250.00** (\$125.00 per person) and will be satisfied from **Budget Line #A3120.451 (Training)**. No department vehicle was needed for use.

If this request meets the approval of your Honorable Body, please enact legislation granting this approval.

Sincerely,

David Gibson  
Commissioner of Public Safety

cc: Mayor  
Comptroller  
Law Department



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**File #:** TMP -573

**Agenda Date:** 4/30/2024

**Agenda #:** 11.

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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.

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**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.



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**File #:** TMP -568

**Agenda Date:** 4/30/2024

**Agenda #:** 12.

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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.

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2023, the City of Mount Vernon 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 of Mount Vernon 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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**File #:** TMP -571

**Agenda Date:** 4/30/2024

**Agenda #:** 13.

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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

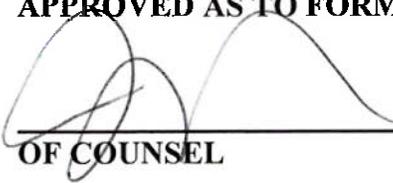
**RESOLVED**, that in any of the said cases, upon receipt by the Corporation Counsel of the certified copy of the respective appropriate judgment or order signed by a Justice of the Supreme Court of said County, in said respective proceedings, directing the correction of the assessment or assessments 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. V. Anderson*  
*4/19/24*

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.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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OF COUNSEL

**ADOPTED BY  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE  
AND CONTRACT**

**APPROVED:**



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**OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
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**File #:** TMP -572

**Agenda Date:** 4/30/2024

**Agenda #:** 14.

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**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

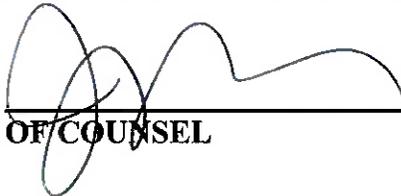
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**RESOLVED**, that in each said case, the Commissioner of Assessment is hereby authorized, upon receipt of a certified copy of the proper judgment made by a Justice of the Supreme Court of the County of Westchester, and entered in the office of the 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

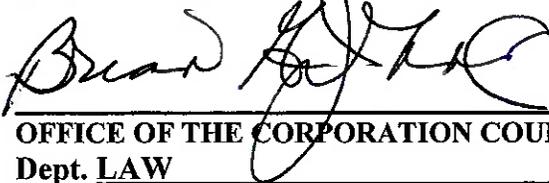
**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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**OF COUNSEL**

**ADOPTED BY  
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**APPROVED:**

  
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**File #:** TMP -579

**Agenda Date:** 4/30/2024

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**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

**ADOPTED BY  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE  
AND CONTRACT**

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**APPROVED**

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Clerk