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March 6, 2025

Honorable City Council Members
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, New York
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

AMENDMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
ORDINANCE # 4

Re: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT AND COMMIT A LOCAL MATCH FOR THE GREEN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM (GIGP) FOR THE SOUTH FOURTH STREET PARK GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AND THAT A DETERMINATION THAT THE SOUTH FOURTH STREET PARK PROJECT FALLS WITHIN A TYPE II EXEMPTION UNDER ECL ARTICLE 8 AND THEREFORE REQUIRES NO FURTHER REVIEW.

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I respectfully request that the Mount Vernon City Council (1) authorize Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard authorization to execute a NYS Environmental Facilities (“EFC”) Green Innovation Grant Program (“GIGP”) grant agreement for the South Fourth Street Park project and all related documents necessary to fulfill the obligations under the agreement and (2) That the Mount Vernon City Council find the South Fourth Street Park project falls within a type II exemption under ECL article 8 and therefore requires no further review.

I am requesting an amendment to the aforementioned ordinance as follows:

[Whereas, the source of the \$199,000 local match will be derived from the \$150 million in Empire State Development Corporation grants awarded to the City of Mount Vernon for sewer repairs and improvements on April 15, 2022; and]

[Whereas, the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project has been classified as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), 6 NYCRR Part 617, and is therefore not subject to further environmental review; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That]**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon was awarded a NYS Environmental Facilities (“EFC”) Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) grant for the South Fourth Street Playground on February 15, 2024, in the amount of \$1,790,000 and

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WHEREAS, the source of the \$199,000 local match will be derived from the Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation Environmental Protection Fund Grant (Project No. EPF 241972) – Revitalization of Fourth Street Park - \$675,000 and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2024 the City Council reviewed and certified via Ordinance that the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project is classified as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review ("SEQR"). 6 NYCRR Part 617 et seq. and was not subject to further review, and

WHEREAS, this approved initial analysis was related to a scope of work funded by Empire State Development Corporation which included a grant not to exceed \$1,790,000 for underground sewer and stormwater/flood improvements (PHASE 1) with a City match of \$199,000 and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2024 the City was notified of additional grant funds of \$675,000 thereby increasing the scope of the project to include hardscape and landscape for the park. (PHASE II) For purposes of SEQR, these two projects, being in the same area and to be constructed at the same time, must be considered and reviewed under the cumulative impact of both projects, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Vernon is a responsible agency under Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) 8-0101 and

WHEREAS, the South Fourth Street Park Project is subject to SEQR under §617.2(b) as a project directly undertaken by the City, and funded by Federal and State grants,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED after review the following findings are made for the South Fourth Street Park Project:

1. This project is a park replacement project replacing in-kind hard and softscape materials for phase II and for phase I repairs and extension of sewer and/or storm pipe and culverts to provide greater drainage for the Park and that scope is defined under Type II designations in ECL 8-0101 et seq.
2. The City Council finds that the scope of Phase I is exempt under Type II and satisfied under section 617.5 (c) 1, and has no significant adverse environmental impact. Further, phase I is an extension of sewer and/or storm pipe connections or performance to satisfy and improve the park use previously found exempt under §617.5 (c) (13).
3. The City of Mount Vernon authorizes and appropriates a minimum 10% local match as required by the Green Innovation Grant Program for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project under the (GIGP) program. This local match must be at least 10% of the GIGP-eligible project costs of \$1,790,000. The source of the local match and any amount above the required



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match shall be the \$675,000 in State funds awarded to the City by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The minimum local match required is \$199,000 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$1,790,000. The mayor may increase this local match using in-kind services without further approval from the City of Mount Vernon.

4. The Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill the City of Mount Vernon's obligations under the New York State Green Innovation Grant Program Grant Agreement for Project No. 2152. Specifically, the GIGP grant will fund porous pavement, stormwater street trees, bioretention, and a green wall.

Respectfully,

Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public Works
DLB/kh

Cc: Mayor's Office
Comptroller's Office
Grants Department
Recreation Department
Contract File

New Matter
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