

City of Mount Vernon, New York

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

7:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL**

City Council

*NICOLE BONILLA, MBA
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, JD
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026.**

Scheduled for 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.

**** This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, with virtual participation via ZOOM and CMVNY Facebook. The meeting was not closed to the public.****

PRESIDING: Derrick Thompson, President

OTHERS: Nicole Bonilla, City Clerk; Jordan A. Riullano, Deputy City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Greg Bailey, Asst. Corp. Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

(IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH)

COUNCILWOMAN GLEASON - HONORED COMMISSIONER DAMANI BUSH

COUNCILMAN BOXHILL - HONORED YOLANA JONES

COUNCILMAN WALLACE - PASTOR DAMON MACK

PUBLIC COMMENT

1.) Wilma Frank - 7:03 & 7:16 PM NO SHOW

Building Department permits

2.) Imani Lawrence - 7:04 PM VIRTUAL

Spoke on Mount Vernon's rapid infrastructure and expansion programsCouncil Response:

Councilman Wallace: addressed the speakers concerns about how the monitoring system can be used positively and help deter and solve crimes

Councilwoman Gleason: The program will be used for crime fighting and will not be used for federal purposes

Councilman Boxhill: I did request a community forum for input and explained that it is a test period that the city does not have to continue use, but we should have a discussion with the community

Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: acknowledged receipt of her email and addressed her concerns and discussed the need for the Police Department for how they are housing information and who they are releasing it too.

Council President Thompson: requested the possibility of the drone program and we expect it to do things in regard to public safety. It can use thermal technology to see if people are trapped in a fire. It is a one year trial bases and the council can terminate if we feel it is harming our community.

3.) Maraina T Brown - 7:07 PM

Spoke on being arrested by Mount Vernon Police and falsely arrested.Council Response:

Councilman Wallace: spoke with her today in the law department about her case that happened on January 16th. She spoke with her attorney and did speak with the Police Department and she is aware of the recommendations from myself, her attorney and the police department. The situation is more or less about "you did it to me and I did it to me" and she has her mind to make up and she has been given the options and to save her license, there was a suggestion by the attorney and it sounded valid to me and the police department echoed the same sentiments. Do you want to pursue and go after the people because you were not wrong? There is something called being "right and being dead right"

Councilwoman Gleason: You can submit a form with the Police Department and it will be investigated

Councilman Boxhill: apologized for the bad experience from the Police Department and will inquire with the department

Council President Thompson: Will defer to Public Safety and Codes chair to get answers to questions

4.) Geoff Munroe - 7:12 PM

AI Legislation and dronesCouncil Response:

Councilman Wallace: spoke about his tour with the Police Department and inquired about the drone program

Councilwoman Gleason: I did give recommendations to the law department to pass legislation that Police Department will not assist with ICE raids unless it has to do with criminal activity. We do know that there are 2 spots open, we have has members drop out and we have reached out to the community so they can submit a request to the council, so they can join.

Councilman Boxhill: Requested an email with all his demands so he can follow up
 Councilwoman Turnquest - Jones: Along with Councilwoman Gleason, we have had discussions about ICE and we do have a committee that is in process and an ally presentation for immigration.

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

PRESENT: Council President Derrick Thompson, Pro Tempore Jaevon Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Cathlin Gleason, Councilmember Cynthia Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Andre Wallace

ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

Motion to take items #1 - 6 as a block vote

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

take items as block vote

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

1. **TMP**
-1914

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 140_6 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

2. **TMP**
-1917

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 140_24 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

3. [TMP](#)
[-1918](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 191_3 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

4. [TMP](#)
[-1919](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 227_38 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

5. [TMP](#)
[-1920](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 227_55 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

6. [TMP](#)
[-1921](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [DPW 1.29.26 226_56 Code Amendment](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

approved the Consent Agenda

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

7. [TMP
-1933](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff Local Law](#)

Councilman Wallace: there are unequal representation from all branches of government and the comptroller's office is not represented on the board.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: no objection held

8. [TMP
-1932](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Local Law for Capital Projects Board](#)

Councilman Wallace: there are unequal representation from all branches of government and the comptroller's office is not represented on the board.

Mayor Patterson - Howard: no objection held

9. [TMP
-1936](#)

Code: LPW

Attachments: [Resolution Standard Work Day and ROA 2025](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: Councilman Wallace: Abstain - I was not here in 2025

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, and Councilmember Turnquest-Jones

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Councilmember Wallace

To the Council:

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

No Items

To the Council:

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

10. [TMP-1931](#)

Code: PSC

Attachments: [Local Law for Red Light Cameras](#)

Moved: Councilman Wallace, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: Pro Tempore Boxhill

Absent: None

To the Council:

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

11. [TMP-1908](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Referral Letter parking in lieu for cc final-501 2.2.26](#)
[Zoning 267 - Multi-family parking requirement](#)

HELD - by co - chair Councilman Wallace: Zoning board members state that the language needs to be changed

held

12. [TMP-1926](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Rescind ltr 328 South 1st Avenue. 2nd 2026](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

13. [TMP-1925](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Recommendation ltr 328 South 1st Avenue.2nd 2026](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

14. [TMP-1929](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Budget Schedule Local Law](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: Acting Pro Tempore Gleason

Absent: None

15. [TMP-1930](#)

Code: FP

Attachments: [Local Law for Tax installment Plans](#)

Moved: Councilman Boxhill, Seconded by Councilman Wallace

On the question: none.

Response: none.

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

ADD-ON

To the Council:

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

16. **TMP**
-1910

Code: LPW

Attachments: [City Council Referral Letter - Ms. Lomari Payne - Assistant Commissioner - Revised - February 5, 2026](#)
[ASSISTANTCOMMISSIONEROFPUBLICWORKSJOBSPEC](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response:

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

17. **TMP**
-1913

Code: LPW

Attachments: [City Council Referral Letter - Chief of Infrastructure - February 9 2026](#)
[Chief of Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Specs](#)

held

18. **TMP**
-1941

Code: LPW

Attachments: [City Council Referral Letter - Mr. Jawwad Abdul-Halim - Code Enforcement Coordinator - Revised - February 5 2026](#)
[CODEENFORCEMENTCOORDINATORJOBSPEC2026](#)

Moved: Councilwoman Gleason, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

On the question: none.

Response:

adopted

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilwoman Gleason: Wishing a Happy Birthday to Council President Thompson

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Councilman Wallace, Seconded by Councilman Boxhill

approved

Aye: Council President Thompson, Pro Tempore Boxhill, Acting Pro Tempore Gleason, Councilmember Turnquest-Jones, and Councilmember Wallace

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Jordan Riullano, JD
Deputy City Clerk