



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023**

5:00 P.M.

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ROOM 206
CITY HALL, MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK
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**“SPECIAL”
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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023**

Scheduled for 5:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.

**** Due to the ongoing pandemic, this meeting was held in the council chambers, with virtual participation via ZOOM and CMVNY Facebook. The meeting was not closed to the public, however, the maximum number of in-person occupants was limited ****

PRESENT: Derrick Thompson, Acting Council President, Acting Mayor Danielle Browne, Lisa A. Copeland, Cathlin Gleason and Edward Poteat

ABSENT:

PRESIDING: Derrick Thompson, President Pro Tempore

OTHERS: Tanesia M. Walters, City Clerk; Donna M. Jackson, Deputy City Clerk; Alyssa Gillespie, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Khush Kam-Au, Legislative Aide

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Council President Pro Tempore Derrick Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:16PM. He noted he is Acting Council President as Mayor Paterson-Howard is out of town. He asked Clerk Walters to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Walters read the Special Meeting Notice into the record. Clerk Walters conducted the roll call at 5:18PM.

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

PERMISSION	1.	An ordinance requesting permission for free parking in Municipal Lot 12 to facilitate the “Earth Day Spruce-Up” Event. <i>(Free parking will only be available in</i>
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		<i>Municipal Lot 12 - located on South 3rd Avenue between 1st and 2nd Streets on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)</i>
		<p>Moved by Councilwoman Copeland Seconded by Councilman Gleason On the Question: None. Response: None. Ayes: Browne, Gleason, Poteat, Thompson Nays: COPELAND</p>
RESOLUTION	2.	A resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York highlighting Black Maternal Health Week.
		<p>Moved by Councilwoman Copeland Seconded by Councilman Gleason On the Question: None. Response: None. Ayes: Copeland, Gleason, Poteat, Browne, Thompson Nays: NONE</p>

FINANCE AND PLANNING

LOCAL LAW NO. 3	3.	<p>An ordinance requesting permission to amend the Senior Citizen Exemption on City Property – Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years or Over, as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Annual Income</u></th> <th><u>Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>\$0 to \$29,000.00</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$29,001.00 to \$30,000.00</td> <td>45%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$30,001.00 to \$31,000.00</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$31,001.00 to \$32,000.00</td> <td>35%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$32,001.00 to \$32,900.00</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$32,901.00 to \$33,800.00</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$33,801.00 to \$34,700.00</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$34,701.00 to \$35,600.00</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$35,601.00 to \$36,500.00</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$36,501.00 to \$37,400.00</td> <td>.5% ERROR, should read 5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation</u>	\$0 to \$29,000.00	50%	\$29,001.00 to \$30,000.00	45%	\$30,001.00 to \$31,000.00	40%	\$31,001.00 to \$32,000.00	35%	\$32,001.00 to \$32,900.00	30%	\$32,901.00 to \$33,800.00	25%	\$33,801.00 to \$34,700.00	20%	\$34,701.00 to \$35,600.00	15%	\$35,601.00 to \$36,500.00	10%	\$36,501.00 to \$37,400.00	.5% ERROR, should read 5%
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		<p>Moved by Councilman Poteat Seconded by Councilwoman Gleason On the Question: Council President Browne asked if we are correcting this from the floor. Councilwoman Gleason asked if any research has been done on other municipalities. The Comptroller noted the financial impact, so a decision was made to provide this for real property. Councilwoman Copeland noted back in 2010 when the school district moved the STAR exemption. The city had jurisdiction, how could they do that without city legislation? Councilman Thompson asked Clerk Walters to follow-up. Response: Councilman Poteat noted he will make the change from the floor. Ayes: Copeland, Gleason, Poteat, Browne, Thompson Nays: None</p>																						

The agenda was completed at 5:25pm

FURTHER BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Gleason stated for the record she wants research conducted on the cooperatives in other communities. We can come back and amend this. She asked Legislative Aide to do the research. Councilwoman Browne noted other municipalities do take advantage of the full exemption. We are in a precarious financial situation, we are trying to manage the financial impact and we can potentially amend this in the future. We are making this amendment to take care of some of our seniors.

**City Council Meeting Agenda
“SPECIAL”**

April 19, 2023

Councilwoman Browne attended the Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, now renamed the “Westchester Health Center” and the county invested \$4million dollars into the facility.

Councilwoman Copeland noted they will keep the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Center name.

Councilwoman Copeland moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Gleason seconded. ALL AYES

Acting Council President Thompson encouraged parents to ensure all kids get rest as this is state testing week.

Roll Call on adjournment. ALL AYES.

Adjourned 5:28 PM

Submitted
Deputy Clerk Jackson
4/19/2023