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**A "SPECIAL" MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022.**

Scheduled for 12:00 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 occupant was limited ****

PRESENT: Derrick Thompson, Danielle Browne, Esq. (Via Zoom), Cathlin Gleason (Via Zoom) and Edward Poteat (Via Zoom)

ABSENT: Lisa A. Copeland

PRESIDING: Derrick Thompson, President

OTHERS: Tanesia M. Walters, Esq. City Clerk; Donna M. Jackson, Deputy City Clerk; Kristen Reed, Chief of Staff; Elias Gootzeit, Esq. Legislative Assistant; Brian G. Johnson, Esq., Corporation Counsel; Darren Morton, Ed.D., Comptroller; and Timothy Allen, Director of Communications.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Derrick Thompson called the meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance by Deputy Clerk Donna M. Jackson.

REFERRAL SESSION

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Tanesia M. Walters

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON

To the Council:

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

Item No. 1 (AMENDMENT) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8 adopted on August 10, 2022, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Public Works to purchase new City trash cans (\$19,036.00, ARPA Funds under NYS OGS Contract #PC67464)

Item No. 2 (AMENDMENT) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13 adopted on August 10, 2022, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("NYS EFC") to accept grant funds for capital improvement projects throughout the City" (\$5,000,000.00).

Note: On the question, Councilwoman Browne confirmed that this is correction of the budget code.

*Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Browne, Esq., Chair
Cathlin Gleason, Co-Chair
Received, passed and filed.*

Passed by the following vote:

Ayes: President Thompson, councilmembers: Browne, Gleason, Poteat

Nays: None

Absent: Copeland

To the Council:

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

Item No. 3 (PERMISSION) An ordinance requesting permission to create and add a Finance and Employee Benefits Specialist position, reallocate funds within the Salary Line A1315.101 from the Senior Keyboard Specialist position to cover the salary of the newly added position for the remainder of the year within the Department of Finance.

On the question: Councilwoman Browne asked Comptroller Morton to explain the rationale for the position of senior keyboard specialist. Comptroller Morton explained the purpose of the revamped position: to work alongside payroll and HR to work with benefits. Comptroller Morton further explained this position will oversee duties that were bifurcated out. In addition, financial and clerical duties were added to the position to address present day needs of employment and finance. Councilwoman Gleason queried, “upon approval, will (the City) go out for advertisement?” Comptroller Morton advised the position was advertised, the City received candidate resumes and several interviews have taken place.

*Respectfully submitted,
Edward Poteat, Chair
Lisa Copeland, Co-Chair
Received, passed and filed.*

Passed by the following vote:

Ayes: President Thompson, councilmembers: Browne, Gleason, Poteat

Nays: None

Absent: Copeland

OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS

Council President Thompson mentioned. Motion to adjourn by Gleason, seconded by Browne and Poteat.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Donna M. Jackson, M.Ed.,
Deputy City Clerk