Legislative Session Minutes

January 13, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
January 13, 2025

7:10-7:18 p.m.	AT&T tariff application	Utilities Ruckman

- 01-13-25 Committee Meeting Schedule

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee	Title	Status
Janis Seavolt	At Large	Present
Tammy Woods	Third Ward	Present
Amber Keener	At Large	Present
Mel Severns	Councilman	Present
James Mahan	First Ward	Present
John Ruckman	Second Ward	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present
Mike Miller	Fourth Ward	Excused

Keener made a motion to excuse Miller, with a second by Woods. Motion to excuse passed by a voice vote of 6-0.

INVOCATION

Dan Humphrey, TouchPointe ministry, performed the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Dec 23, 2024 7:30 PM

Seavolt made a motion to accept the minutes of the Legislative Session of December 23, 2024, with a second by Woods. Motion passed by a voice vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council accepted without comment the minutes for the Land Use and Development Committee meeting of December 23, 2024.

- 12-23-24 Land Use and Development Committee Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

Council did not request a hearing on a liquor permit transfer from Pephillies Inc., 1421 Coshocton Ave., Mount Vernon, to Pephillies Inc., 101-103 S. Main St., Mount Vernon.

- 01-13-25 Liquor License Transfer

PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-136

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Ruckman

Resolution No. 2024-136 was given a second reading.

RESULT:	**SECOND READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025, OF CITY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Woods

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-01, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-01, with a second by Woods. Law Director Rob Broeren commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

Resolution No. 2025-02 was given a first reading. Ruckman requested a 20-minute meeting of the Utilities Committee on the legislation for January 27, 2025.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 3

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF CHRIS O'QUIN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND LUISA GANTT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Keener

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-03, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-03, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 4

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BARB BRENNEMAN TO THE KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Keener

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-04, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 5

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEE ALLERDING TO THE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Keener

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-05, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 6

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF AARON MORELAND TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MOUNT VERNON & KNOX COUNTY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Keener

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-06, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-06, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 7

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF TODD HAWKINS TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Keener

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-07, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 8

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PAUL MCNEAL TO THE RECREATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Keener

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-08, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 0 2 5 - 0 9

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DELAWARE, KNOX, MARION, MORROW JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S SOLID

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FIVE YEAR UPDATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

Resolution No. 2025-09 was given a first reading.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Woods

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-10, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-10, with a second by Woods. Auditor Paul Mayville commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T'S TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-11, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Ruckman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-11, with a second by Mahan. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Miller

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

None.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS #66-05624.000, #66-05627.000, #66-05628.000 AND #66-05629.000 FROM R-1A - CORE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO R-3 - ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Land Use and Development: Keener, Mahan

Ordinance No. 2025-01 was given a first reading. Keener requested a 10-minute meeting of the Land Use and Development Committee on the legislation for January 27, 2025. There will be a public hearing on the legislation on February 24, 2025.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER, WAGES AND BENEFITS OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Keener

Ordinance No. 2025-02 was given a first reading. Woods requested a five-minute meeting of the Employee and Community Relations Committee on the legislation for January 27, 2025.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Matthew Starr congratulated the Fire Department on its recent awards ceremony and ice rescue training, and thanked those who attended the first of nine public listening sessions on the new municipal buildings.

Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers noted that the second of nine public listening sessions on the new municipal buildings will be Saturday, January 18, 2025, that Yard Sale Trail days will be on April 26-27, and that the Spring Cleanup will be on May 3 at Ariel~Foundation Park.

Treasurer David Stuller reviewed income tax receipts for 2024, noting that receipts were down slightly from 2023 but that withholding continues to rise.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Woods thanked all the board and commission appointees who have volunteered their time and efforts to benefit the City, and noted that residents are blessed not to be contending with natural disasters like the wildfires in southern California. Keener noted that the draft Knox County Comprehensive Plan is now finished and online, and encouraged residents to view it. Mahan noted that the California wildfires bring home the importance of our emergency responders, thanked those who attended the first of nine public listening sessions on the new municipal buildings, congratulated the Fire Department on its recent awards ceremony and ice rescue training, and advised residents to use caution in winter weather.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Seavolt made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Keener. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

CD on file/th

PRESS RELEASE

City Hall
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Todd Hill, Clerk of Council
740-393-9517 Fax: 740-397-6595

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 8, 2025

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
January 13, 2025

7:10-7:15 p.m.	AT&T tariff application	Utilities Ruckman

The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
Mount Vernon News - WMVO - WNZR – City Hall Bulletin Board

Communication: 01-13-25 Committee Meeting Schedule (Committee Meetings)

Land Use and Development Committee Meeting Minutes
December 23, 2024 – 6:42 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:	Bruce Hawkins, President Tammy Woods, Third Ward James Mahan, First Ward John Ruckman, Second Ward Janis Seavolt, At-Large Amber Keener, At-Large Mel Severns, At-Large
ABSENT:	Mike Miller, Fourth Ward
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Matthew Starr, Mayor Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director Paul Mayville, Auditor David Stuller, Treasurer Brian Ball, Engineer Bill Pursel, Knox County Commissioner Barry Lester, Knox County Commissioner-elect Jeff Gottke, Knox County ADF Sam Filkins, Knox County ADF

Keener made a motion to go into executive session to discuss property acquisition, with a second by Woods. Motion passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0 at 6:42 p.m. Keener made a motion to exit executive session, with a second by Mahan. Motion passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0 at 7:05 p.m. No further meetings on the matter were requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amber Keener, Chair
Land Use and Development Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
AK/th

Communication: 12-23-24 Land Use and Development Committee Meeting Minutes (Receive Committee Reports)

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL
6606 TUSSING ROAD, P.O. BOX 4005
REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068-9005
(614)644-2360 FAX(614)644-3166

TO

68691500003 PERMIT NUMBER	TRFL TYPE	PEPHILLIES INC 101-103 S MAIN ST MT VERNON 43050
02 01 2019 ISSUE DATE		
12 04 2024 FILING DATE		
D5 PERMIT CLASSES		
42 077 TAX DISTRICT	B RECEIPT NO. F32671	

FROM 01/02/2025 SAFEKEEPING

6869150 PERMIT NUMBER	TYPE	PEPHILLIES INC 1421 COSHOCTON AVE MT VERNON OH 43050
02 01 2019 ISSUE DATE		
12 04 2024 FILING DATE		
D5 PERMIT CLASSES		
42 077 TAX DISTRICT	RECEIPT NO.	

MAILED ~~01/02/2025~~ 1-7-25

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN. 02/03/2025 2-7-25 CP

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES B TRFL 6869150-0003
(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT THE HEARING BE HELD ☐ IN OUR COUNTY SEAT. ☐ IN COLUMBUS.

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING. ☐

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

(Signature) (Title)- ☐ Clerk of County Commissioner (Date)
☐ Clerk of City Council
☐ Township Fiscal Officer

CLERK OF MT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
40 PUBLIC SQ
MT VERNON OHIO 43050

DLC 4052

Communication: 01-13-25 Liquor License Transfer (Liquor Control License)

Department of Commerce
Division of Liquor Control

com.ohio.gov
Mike DeWine, *Governor* Jon Husted, *Lt. Governor* Sherry Maxfield, *Director*

Dear Local Legislative Authority Official:

Please find enclosed the legislative notice that is being sent to you regarding the applied for liquor permit as captioned on the notice. You **must**, within 30 days from the "mailed" date listed on the notice under the bar code:

- Notify the Division whether you object and want a hearing; or
- Ask for your one-time only, 30-day extension.
    - Any requests for a one-time, 30-day extension will be reviewed by the Division upon timely receipt. If granted, your additional 30-days runs from the expiration of the original 30-day period.

To be considered **timely**, your above response **MUST** be faxed, emailed, or mailed to the Division no later than the postmark deadline date stated on the form. To speed up processing times and reduce paper, the Division respectfully asks that you either fax or email your response. Please send your response to:

FAX: (614) 644 – 3166

EMAIL: Liquordocs@com.ohio.gov

MAIL: Ohio Division of Liquor Control
Attn: Licensing Unit
6606 Tussing Road
PO Box 4005
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005

To find out who has disclosed an ownership interest in the permit application to us you can:

- Visit com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo. Select the "Search who has disclosed an ownership interest" tab. Where asked, enter the permit number listed on the legislative notice; or

- Contact your police department or county sheriff (if you are a township fiscal officer or county clerk). We also sent them detailed ownership information to review for any criminal background issues involving the disclosed persons.

We have resources for you at com.ohio.gov/govhelp. Never miss out on when renewal objections are due! Sign-up for our emails at com.ohio.gov/stayinformed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Division Licensing Section

(rev. 12/29/2023)

Communication: 01-13-25 Liquor License Transfer (Liquor Control License)

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Ruckman
Category: Grant
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4158

RESOLUTION 2024-136

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Community Project Funding allows certain federal funds to be directed toward eligible local projects serving Ohio's 12th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, each member of the U.S. Congress can submit 15 eligible projects to receive federal funding for FY 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is authorized and directed to apply to U.S. Representative Troy Balderson's office for Community Project Funding for FY 2026 for municipal building construction.

SECTION 2: The Safety-Service Director is further authorized and directed to enter into any agreements as may be necessary for obtaining financial assistance.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason to allow the City to apply for the program in a timely manner, the said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

HISTORY:

12/23/24	**City Council**	**FIRST READING**

Resolution No. 2024-136 was given a first reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2024-136 was given a second reading.

RESULT:	**SECOND READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Agreement
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4162

RESOLUTION 2025-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025, OF CITY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 721.15(D), Council for the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio may adopt, during each calendar year, a resolution expressing its intent to sell municipally owned property, regardless of the property's value, by Internet auction. This Resolution must include a description of how auctions will be conducted, specifying the number of days for bidding, and stating the general terms and conditions of sale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: During calendar year 2025, City-owned personal property that is not needed for public use, or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, may be sold at Internet auction.

SECTION 2: All Internet auction sales shall be conducted under the authority and direction of the Safety-Service Director or his designee(s).

SECTION 3: All Internet auction sales shall be conducted by the GovDeals.com Internet auction service, or a similar website.

SECTION 4: All Internet auction sales shall be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated and in effect for the Internet auction site. For each Internet auction sale, bidding shall remain open for not less than ten (10) days, including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

SECTION 5: The City of Mount Vernon shall give notice of the sale by publication on the City's website and social media accounts, or as provided in R.C. 7.16, notice of its intent to sell all unneeded, obsolete or unfit municipal personal property by Internet auction. This notice shall include a summary of the information provided herein and shall be published twice. The second notice shall be published not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days after the previous notice. A similar notice also shall be posted continually throughout the calendar year in a conspicuous place in the office of the Clerk of Council. The notice also shall be posted continually throughout the calendar year on the City's website.

SECTION 6: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are consistent with this Resolution is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

SECTION 7: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and expedite the sale of unneeded municipal personal property, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-01, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-01, with a second by Woods. Law Director Rob Broeren commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Ruckman, Miller
Category: Utilities
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4164

RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon seeks to upgrade its existing wastewater facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon intends to apply for a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) loan for the planning, design and/or construction of the wastewater facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) requires the applicant to pass legislation for application of a loan, execution of a loan agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director is authorized to apply for a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF), sign all documents for and enter into a WPCLF with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for planning, design and/or construction of wastewater facilities on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

SECTION 2: That the dedicated source of repayment will be the user charges paid to the Wastewater Department of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2025-02 was given a first reading. Ruckman requested a 20-minute meeting of the Utilities Committee on the legislation for January 27, 2025.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Keener
Category: Appointment
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4165

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-03

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF CHRIS O'QUIN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND LUISA GANTT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of Chris O'Quin, 405 East Burgess Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Board of Zoning Appeals as a member, fulfilling the unexpired term of Susan Simpson, commencing immediately and expiring April 25, 2028.

SECTION 2: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of Luisa Gantt, 302 East Gambier Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Board of Zoning Appeals as an alternate member, for a five (5) year term commencing immediately and ending January 13, 2030.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-03, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-03, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Keener
Category: Reappointment
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-04

DOC ID: 4166

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BARB BRENNEMAN TO THE KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Barb Brenneman, 1446 Laurel Valley Drive, Mount Vernon, Ohio to the Knox County Board of Health, for a five (5) year term, commencing March 1, 2025 and ending March 1, 2030.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-04, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Keener
Category: Reappointment
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4167

RESOLUTION 2025-05

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEE ALLERDING TO THE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: The Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio confirms the Mayor's re-appointment of Dee Allerding, 8 Eastmoor Drive, Mount Vernon, Ohio to the Metropolitan Housing Authority, commencing immediately and expiring January 13, 2030.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-05, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Keener
Category: Appointment
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4168

RESOLUTION 2025-06

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF AARON MORELAND TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MOUNT VERNON & KNOX COUNTY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of Aaron Moreland, 704 North Gay Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio to the Public Library of Mount Vernon & Knox County's Board of Trustees, fulfilling the unexpired term of Joe Booker, commencing immediately and expiring on March 14, 2026.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-06, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-06, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Keener
Category: Reappointment
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4169

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-07

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF TODD HAWKINS TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Todd Hawkins, 41 Kester Drive, Mount Vernon, Ohio to the Local Board of Tax Review for a two-year term, pursuant to Section 183.18(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, commencing immediately and expiring January 13, 2027.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason of ensuring a full membership on the Local Board of Tax Review, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-07, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Keener
Category: Appointment
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4170

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-08

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PAUL MCNEAL TO THE RECREATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of Paul McNeal, 107C South Adamson Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Recreation Board, fulfilling the unexpired term of Emily Vonck, commencing immediately and expiring January 24, 2028.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-08, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, with a second by Keener. Mayor Matthew Starr commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Amber Keener, At Large
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Ruckman, Miller
Category: Agreement
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4171

RESOLUTION 2025-09

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DELAWARE, KNOX, MARION, MORROW JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FIVE YEAR UPDATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon is situated within the jurisdiction of the Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow Solid Waste Management District (the District); and

WHEREAS, the District prepared and adopted a final draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan Five Year Update (the Plan) over an 18-month period in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3734; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon has received a copy of the Plan and a one-page summary of the Plan and has had an opportunity to review it; and

WHEREAS the Plan must be approved by legislative authorities within the District during the designated 90-days ratification period between January 13, 2025 and April 12, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio approves the Plan.

SECTION 2: That the Clerk of Council is directed to send the District a certified copy of this Resolution to the attention of Ms. Jenna Hicks, District Director, DKMM Joint Solid Waste District, 619 West Marion Road, Suite 107, Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and said Resolution shall, therefore become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Counil of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2025-09 was given a first reading.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4172

RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon did make the necessary inquiries that these billed amounts as indicated are legitimate and proper and did approve payment in the amounts shown; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the making of such contract or order and at the time of the execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract or order was in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to pay bills as follows:

1. To Tru Cut Landscaping & Lawn in the amount of $11,550.00, to be taken from account 101.2500.53312, maintenance & repairs.
2. To Baldwin & Sours Inc. in the amount of $62,030.00, to be taken from account 402.3600.54111, TIF-Improvements-Construction.
3. To Google in the amount of $3,538.06, to be taken from account 101.3600.54494, Networking Systems.
4. To Bricker Graydon LLP in the amount of $5,637.50, to be taken from account 401.3600.55511, Equipment.

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.30, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-10, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-10, with a second by Woods. Auditor Paul Mayville commented on the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Ruckman, Miller
Category: Utilities
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4174

RESOLUTION 2025-11

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T'S TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2024, the Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Ohio ("AT&T") filed a Telecommunications Form related to a change in its tariff for "Construction Charges, Relocation of Facilities" with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the "PUCO") in PUCO Case Nos. 24-1123-TP-ATA and 90-5032-TP-TRF (collectively referred to as "AT&T's Tariff Application; and

WHEREAS, AT&T's Tariff Application proposes tariff changes which will require any municipalities in which AT&T is located in the municipality's public right-of-way to pay the full cost of any relocation or undergrounding of AT&T's facilities, regardless of the reason for the relocation. This is in direct contradiction of current Ohio law; and

WHEREAS, AT&T's Tariff Application is subject to a 30-day auto approval process, meaning that if the PUCO does not rule on the application, then the application is automatically approved, and the tariff change becomes effective on the 31st day after the filing of the application; and

WHEREAS, if AT&T's Tariff Application goes unchallenged and becomes automatically effective, municipalities throughout Ohio (and, subsequently, constituents who may or may not be AT&T customers) would be required to pay for any relocation of AT&T's facilities in the public rights-of-way, even if the relocation or undergrounding is required for health, safety or public welfare purposes; and

WHEREAS, any challenges to AT&T's application must be filed prior to January 17, 2025, to allow the PUCO to pause the automatic approval process, allow challengers to be heard through an evidentiary hearing, and consider legal arguments. To challenge AT&T's Tariff Application, an interested stakeholder must file a motion to intervene with the PUCO showing that it has a real and substantial interest in AT&T's Tariff Application and the intervener is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede its ability to protect that interest; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Municipal League has engaged counsel to challenge AT&T's Tariff Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: The Mount Vernon City Council finds that AT&T's Tariff Application directly changes and significantly impacts, to detriment to the City how this City manages and administers its public rights-of-way.

SECTION 2: The Mount Vernon City Council hereby authorizes and agrees to participate in and to intervene in the proceeding at the PUCO in order to challenge AT&T's Tariff Application and any subsequent and/or necessary legal, administrative or legislative efforts.

SECTION 3: The Mount Vernon City Council has been advised by the Ohio Municipal Leage that future financial and/or other support from the City may be necessary to the success of a challenge to AT&T Tariff Application and any related legal, administrative or legislative efforts. The City may take under consideration the specific amount or form of such financial and/or other support from the City at a subsequent meeting of this City Council.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2025-11, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Ruckman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-11, with a second by Mahan. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Mike Miller

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Land Use and Development
Keener, Mahan
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4163

ORDINANCE 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS #66-05624.000, #66-05627.000, #66-05628.000 AND #66-05629.000 FROM R-1A - CORE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO R-3 - ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Mount Vernon has received an application for rezoning certain property within the City of Mount Vernon, specifically Parcels #66-05624.000, #66-05627.000, #66-05628.000 and #66-05629.000, also known as 0 South Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Planning Commission for the City of Mount Vernon met on November 21, 2024 and voted 2-2 to approve the zoning change for Parcels #66-05624.000, #66-05627.000, #66-05628.000 and #66-05629.000 from R-1A - Core Residential District, to R-3 - Attached Residential District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the City of Mount Vernon hereby amends the zoning classification of Parcels #66-05624.000, #66-05627.000, #66-05628.000 and #66-05629.000, also known as 0 South Main Street. The zoning will be indicated:

PARCEL NO.	PROPOSED ZONING
#66-05624.000, #66-05627.000, #66-05628.000. #66-05629.000	R-3 - Attached Residential District

SECTION 2: That the zoning classification be recorded in Title XI of the Planning and Zoning Codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ordinance No. 2025-01 was given a first reading. Keener requested a 10-minute meeting of the Land Use and Development Committee on the legislation for January 27, 2025. There will be a public hearing on the legislation on February 24, 2025.

RESULT: FIRST READING **Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**

City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Application for Zoning Amendment

Applicant's Information	
Owner's Name, Address, Phone, and Email Address Joseph D. Updike 18254 New Gambier Rd.	
Agent's Name, Address, Phone, and Email Address	

Site Information	
Site Address South Main St.	Legal Description
Parcel Number 66-05624.000 66-05627.000 66-05628.000 66-05629.000	Deed Volume and Page Number

Use of Property	
Present Use Vacant	Present Zoning District R1A
Proposed Use Apartments	Proposed Zoning District R3

Documents to be Submitted

The following documents must also be submitted with this application:

1. A statement of the reason(s) for the proposed amendment.
2. A vicinity map at a scale approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer showing property lines, thoroughfares, existing and proposed zoning, and such other items as the Zoning Enforcement Officer may require.
3. A statement on the ways in which the proposed amendment relates to the comprehensive plan.
4. The $200.00 filing fee as established by ordinance.

I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application and on any sketches, drawings or other documents submitted with this application is true and exact.

Date: 9/25/24 By: Joseph D Updike

Filing Information			
Filing Date	Fee deposit ***$200.00***	Date Paid	Receipt Number

This form revised 06-03-2024

Attachment: 2024-MPC-17 (2025-01 : Rezone 0 South Main St)

9/24/2004

Municipal Planning Commission
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

To the Municipal Planning Commission

I am submitting for your review a rezoning of 0 South Main St parcels 66-05624.000, 66-05627.000, 66-05628.000, 66-05629.000. This consists of roughly .75 acres at the southeast corner of the intersection of Parrot St. and South Main St.

The zoning change requested is from R1A to R3. This is to create a pathway for the construction of multi family apartment units on the above property. The total number of units is unclear currently until a site development plan is devised. Upon completion of the zoning change.

The reasons that we feel this would be a good fit are as follows.

- This is a transitional property, as it will act as a buffer between commercial property located to the north (Peppys Pizza) and to the west (Blubaugh's Body and Frame) and residential to the east and south.
- The city is deficient in affordable housing, and this can have a positive impact attracting citizens and new workers to the area.
- It is conveniently located on the south end of town close to the industrial park where most jobs are.

I can be at all meetings to address any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Joe Updike

18254 New Gambier Rd.

740-501-3533

Attachment: 2024-MPC-17 (2025-01 : Rezone 0 South Main St)

City of Mount Vernon, Ohio
Development Services
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, OH 43050
Phone 740-393-2033 |DSM@MountVernonOhio.org

To: Clerk of Council

December 2, 2024

Municipal Planning Commission
Meeting Date: November 21, 2024

Case Number: 2024-MPC-17
Application for Zoning Amendment for parcels 66-05624.000; 66-05627.000; 66-05628.000; and 66-05629.000 from R-1A to R-3

An application from Joseph Updike to amend the zoning district assignment for parcels 66-05624.000; 66-05627.000; 66-05628.000; and 66-05629.000 from R-1A to R-3 was submitted for review by the Municipal Planning Commission for a recommendation to City Council.

A public hearing was held and testimony ensued about the proposed zoning amendment. Following testimony:

> **Anne Elsworth made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the Application for Zoning Amendment from R-1A to R-3. Tanner Salyers seconded the motion.**
>
> **The vote resulted in a 2-2 tie vote.**
> **(Yes: Starr, Ellsworth; No: Salyers, West)**

Per §1156.04 Council shall consider the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Application for Zoning Amendment and determine the final approval or denial.

Warm Regards,

Lacie Blankenhorn

Lacie Blankenhorn
Development Services Manager

Attachment: 2024-MPC-17 (2025-01 : Rezone 0 South Main St)

City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 01/13/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Keener
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4173

ORDINANCE 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER, WAGES AND BENEFITS OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That this Ordinance fix the number, wages and benefits with regard to hourly non-bargaining unit employees of the Office of the Law Director, commencing immediately, as follows:

Office of Law Director: Legal Assistants (4)

SECTION 2: These positions shall be entitled to the benefits as listed in the City of Mount Vernon Employee Handbook, effective January 1, 2025, and as adopted by the Office of the Law Director, and to wages pursuant to the schedule adopted by Council.

SECTION 3: That ordinances in conflict with this ordinance and repealed.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason to allow appropriate staffing in the Office of the Law Director, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ordinance No. 2025-02 was given a first reading. Woods requested a five-minute meeting of the Employee and Community Relations Committee on the legislation for January 27, 2025.

RESULT:	**FIRST READING**	**Next: 1/27/2025 7:30 PM**