

Legislative Session Minutes

November 12, 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
November 12, 2024

6:45-6:57 p.m.	Hiawatha Water Park update	Parks & Recreation Miller
6:57-7:06 p.m.	East Vine sidewalk project	Streets & Public Buildings Severns
7:06-7:14 p.m.	Fire Marshal position	Employee & Community Relations Woods

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
Mike Miller	Fourth Ward	Present
James Mahan	First Ward	Present
John Ruckman	Second Ward	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present

<RollCallList Status="Absent"> {Attendee(*)}:First Last}	{Attendee(*)}:Title}	Absent
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INVOCATION

Council Person Mike Miller delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Oct 28, 2024 7:30 PM

Seavolt made a motion to accept the minutes of the Legislative Session of October 28, 2024, with a second by Woods. Motion passed by a voice vote of 7-0.

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

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council accepted without comment the minutes for the Utilities Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, Streets and Public Buildings Committee and two Employee and Community Relations Committee meetings of Oct. 28, 2024.

- 10-28-24 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- 10-28-24 Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
- 10-28-24A Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
- 10-28-24B Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
- 10-28-24 Streets and Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

None.

PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Don Carr, 4 Upland Terrace, complained about the brightness of new street lights installed by AEP, and the 4 p.m. start time of Municipal Planning Commission meetings. Hawkins noted that he has also received complaints about the lights' brightness. Severns suggested that safety should be a priority concerning street lighting. Miller asked whether federal regulations require the installation of brighter lights.

Bob Beck, 10 Woodside Drive, asked about the future of the Edgewood Road improvement project in the wake of the defeat of a referendum approving the project.

Kevin Wise, CK Construction Group, Westerville, and Stan Hendricks, Gilbane Building Co., Columbus, spoke about the construction manager at-risk (CMR) delivery method, which the City is considering for the construction of new municipal buildings.

Dan Fox, 507 N. Jefferson St., noted that Airco has moved a machine that was generating a lot of noise inside and that the neighborhood is now quieter. He thanked Council, the Administration, the Knox County Area Development Foundation and the media for their help in resolving the issue.

Bob Yokum, Rockford Homes, noted that the first phase of The Retreat is 84 percent leased, with the second phase to be completed next spring. He noted that demand for the housing units has been greater than expected.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-102**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR IDENTIFYING AND SELECTING A QUALIFIED FIRM OR FIRMS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, IDENTIFY AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED FIRM OR FIRMS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Ruckman

Severns made a motion to postpone the third reading of Resolution No. 2024-102 to the Legislative Session of Nov. 25, 2024, with a second by Ruckman. Motion passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Law Director Rob Broeren noted that there will be a 30-minute Streets and Public Buildings Committee meeting on the legislation on Nov. 25.

RESULT:	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Miller, Mahan, Ruckman

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-112**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 CDBG EAST VINE STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Ruckman

Resolution No. 2024-112 was given a second reading.

RESULT:	SECOND READING	Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM
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RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-117**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TOP FLIGHT REAL ESTATE LLC TO LEASE THE PROPERTY WITH THE STREET ADDRESSES OF 9 AND 9.5 EAST HIGH STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Ruckman

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2024-117, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-117, with a second by Ruckman. Miller asked if the City will have any relocation obligations to the business leasing 9 and 9.5 East High Street, which is slated to become the location of the new Municipal Court building, and Law Director Rob Broeren responded that it will not. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Miller, Mahan, Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-118

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Woods

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2024-118, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-118, with a second by Woods. Auditor Paul Mayville, Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers and Law Director Rob Broeren discussed the various transfers in the legislation. Miller asked if the construction manager at-risk delivery method would be appropriate for the bike path, and Engineer Brian Ball responded that it would not. Salyers added that there will not be an interim budget for 2025, and that the Administration is resolving issues discovered since the retirement of the previous Auditor. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-119

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE COLUMBUS DELANO FIELD OF DISCOVERY IN ARIEL-FOUNDATION PARK.

Parks and Recreation: Miller, Severns

Resolution No. 2024-119 was given a first reading. Miller requested a 15-minute meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee on the legislation for Nov. 25, 2024.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM
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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-120

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. 2024-120, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt

Resolution No. 2024-120, with a second by Woods. Auditor Paul Mayville discussed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

None.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-44

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Keener

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2024-44, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-44, with a second by Keener. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-45

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE AUGUST 2024 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Land Use and Development: Keener, Mahan

Ordinance No. 2024-45 was given a first reading.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM
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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-46

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PERMIT OVERNIGHT CAMPING IN CITY-OWNED PARKS.

Parks and Recreation: Miller, Severns

Ordinance No. 2024-46 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING**Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM****REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Matthew Starr thanked everyone who participated in and attended Monday's Veterans Day ceremony. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers explained that the budget process would be different this year, beginning with Administration meetings with department heads, followed by Administration meetings with Council members, followed by public Council budget meetings.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Mahan thanked everyone who participated in and attended the Veterans Day ceremony on Monday. Miller spoke about the importance of transparency in government, and thanked the Administration for promising to produce FAQ sheets on upcoming projects. Severns welcomed the news from Rockford Homes that housing units in The Retreat are being leased quickly. He also thanked the Administration for promising to produce FAQ sheets on upcoming projects, and thanked everyone who participated in and attended the Veterans Day ceremony. Hawkins also thanked everyone who participated in and attended the ceremony.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Seavolt made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Keener. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

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Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2024 – 6:10 p.m. to 6:28 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Mike Miller, Fourth Ward
Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Brian Ball, Engineer
David Stuller, Treasurer

Ruckman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending or imminent court action, with a second by Mahan. Motion passed by a roll-call vote of 5-0 at 6:10 p.m. Ruckman made a motion to exit executive session, with a second by Mahan. Motion passed by a roll-call vote of 5-0 at 6:28 p.m. No further meetings on the matter were requested.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ruckman, Chair
Utilities Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting
October 28, 2024 – 6:41 p.m. to 6:46 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
 James Mahan, First Ward
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 John Ruckman, Second Ward
 Mike Miller, Fourth Ward
 Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Janis Seavolt, At-Large
 Amber Keener, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
 Rob Broeren, Law Director
 Brian Ball, Engineer
 David Stuller, Treasurer
 Robert Morgan, Police Chief
 Aaron Reinhart, Utilities Director
 Todd Hill, Clerk
 Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2024-113, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) for funding of walking trails in the Blackjack wetland. Engineer Brian Ball discussed the legislation, noting that the wetland is just south of the new Liberty Crossing housing development, and that the grant application deadline is not until September 2025. Hawkins suggested walkways in the wetland are long overdue. If the City's application is approved, legislation to accept the grant will be forthcoming. No further meetings on the matter were requested. Resolution No. 2024-113 was up for a first reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Vice Chair
 City of Mount Vernon

JS/th



**Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting**

October 28, 2024 – 6:46 p.m. to 6:51 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Mike Miller, Fourth Ward
Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Brian Ball, Engineer
David Stuller, Treasurer
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Aaron Reinhart, Utilities Director
Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2024-43, fixing the number of hourly employees in the Police Department. Police Chief Robert Morgan explained that the legislation is needed to accommodate the return of a sergeant from injury leave. A sunset provision is included in the legislation, meaning the staffing modification would be removed once it's no longer needed. No further meetings on the legislation were requested. Ordinance No. 2024-43 was up for a second reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
Employee and Community Relations Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting
October 28, 2024 – 6:51 p.m. to 7:09 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
 James Mahan, First Ward
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 John Ruckman, Second Ward
 Mike Miller, Fourth Ward
 Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Janis Seavolt, At-Large
 Amber Keener, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
 Rob Broeren, Law Director
 Brian Ball, Engineer
 David Stuller, Treasurer
 Robert Morgan, Police Chief
 Aaron Reinhart, Utilities Director
 Todd Hill, Clerk
 Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2024-41, establishing compensation pay grades for supervisory and professional personnel. The chair asked why the newly established Compensation Review Board wasn't involved in the recent OCSEA negotiations, and how the City would pay for this legislation. Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers responded that the CRB would not typically be involved in union negotiations, and that the pay grades in the legislation are the same as those Council saw in April, which were paid for in the budget. He added that the CRB could set pay grades. Law Director Rob Broeren noted that Council must appoint two members to the CRB, and Miller suggested that poor communication between Council and the Administration were responsible for that not occurring. Salyers added that pay grades eliminate the necessity of Council having to establish wages and salaries for each position individually. No further meetings on the matter were requested. Ordinance No. 2024-41 was up for a third reading at Council's Legislative Session later that evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
 Employee and Community Relations Committee
 Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



2024-2025

Streets and Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes October 28, 2024 – 7:09 p.m. to 7:27 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, President
James Mahan, First Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
John Ruckman, Second Ward
Mike Miller, Fourth Ward
Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Brian Ball, Engineer
David Stuller, Treasurer
Brian Ball, Engineer
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Aaron Rinehart, Utilities Director
Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2024-62, to release a request for qualifications for identifying and selecting a qualified firm or firms to provide professional services for owner's representative services related to the construction of municipal buildings, identify and enter into contract with the selected firm or firms for the professional services for owner's representative services related to the construction of municipal buildings. Engineer Brian Ball characterized this as a new contracting method for the building of the new Courthouse, Police Station and City Hall Annex, overlapping the design and building phases. Still to come is legislation to enter into contract for construction, plus the budgeting and grant application processes. Miller asked if the Administration would be given unlimited funds for this project legislatively, and how the community would be involved in the process. Ball responded that the City is following the USDA process on community involvement, and that a full cost estimate is likely in late 2025. No further meetings on the matter were requested. Resolution No. 2024-62 was up for a second reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Severns, Chair
Streets and Public Buildings Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
MS/th



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2024-102

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Ruckman
Category: Public Buildings
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4117

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR IDENTIFYING AND SELECTING A QUALIFIED FIRM OR FIRMS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, IDENTIFY AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED FIRM OR FIRMS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Revised Code sections 153.65-73 allow local governments to select architects, engineers and other design professionals on Qualifications-Based criteria.

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 hereby authorized and directed to release a Request for Qualifications for identifying and selecting a qualified firm or firms to provide professional services for owner's representative services related to the construction of municipal buildings.

SECTION 2: That the Safety-Service Director is hereby further authorized, upon identifying and selecting a qualified firm or firms, to negotiate and enter into a contract for professional services for owner's representative services related to the construction of municipal buildings.

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 proper supervision of the City's upcoming municipal building construction projects, 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.

HISTORY:

10/14/24 City Council FIRST READING

Resolution No. 2024-102 was given a first reading. Severns requested a 10-minute meeting of the Streets and Public Buildings Committee on the legislation for Oct. 28, 2024.

10/28/24 City Council SECOND READING

Resolution No. 2024-102 was given a second reading. Severns requested a 15-minute meeting of the Streets and Public Buildings Committee on the legislation for Nov. 12, 2024.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Severns made a motion to postpone the third reading of Resolution No. 2024-102 to the Legislative Session of Nov. 25, 2024, with a second by Ruckman. Motion passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Law Director Rob Broeren noted that there will be a 30-minute Streets and Public Buildings Committee meeting on the legislation on Nov. 25.

RESULT:	POSTPONED TO A CERTAIN TIME [UNANIMOUS]Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Ruckman, Second Ward
AYES:	Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Miller, Mahan, Ruckman



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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2024-112

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Ruckman
 Category: Bid/Contract
 Prepared By: Rob Broeren
 Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4130

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 CDBG EAST VINE STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT; 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 Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 2024 CDBG East Vine Street Sidewalk Project.

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 bids must be solicited at the earliest possible time to avoid future cost increases, 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.

HISTORY:

10/28/24 City Council FIRST READING

Resolution No. 2024-112 was given a first reading. Severns requested a 10-minute meeting of the Streets and Public Buildings Committee on the legislation for Nov. 12, 2024.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2024-112 was given a second reading.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM



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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-117

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Ruckman
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4139

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TOP FLIGHT REAL ESTATE LLC TO LEASE THE PROPERTY WITH THE STREET ADDRESSES OF 9 AND 9.5 EAST HIGH STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio owns the property with the street addresses of 9 and 9.5 East High Street in the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the current tenant, Willy and Wade, has ended its lease for this property.

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 be and herewith authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Top Flight Real Estate LLC, for lease of the property with the street addresses of 9 and 9.5 East High Street in the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

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 to allow the tenant to immediately use the property, pay the utilities on the property, and pay rent to the City, 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:

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2024-117, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-117, with a second by Ruckman. Miller asked if the City will have any relocation obligations to the business leasing 9 and 9.5 East High Street, which is slated to become the location of the new Municipal Court building, and Law Director Rob Broeren responded that it will not. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-118

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4138

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

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 transfer funds as follows:

1. From account 101.2400.51115, Zoning Enforcement Officer, to account 101.2400.54115, Contract Engineering, in the amount of \$20,000.00.
2. From account 101.2500.55511, Tools, to account 101.2500.54211, Utilities - Ball Field Lights, in the amount of \$30,000.00.
3. From account 101.3600.52123, Worker Compensation, to account 101.3600.54211, Street Lighting, in the amount of \$54,000.00.
4. From account 101.3600.54119, Urban Improvement, to account 101.3600.54473, Codification, in the amount of \$6,100.00.
5. From account 101.1700.52121, Municipal Court PERS, to account 101.1600.54465, Income Tax Refunds, in the amount of \$75,000.00.
6. From account 101.3600.54453, EMS Billing Charges, to account 101.1600.54465, Income Tax Refunds, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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. 2024-118, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-118, with a second by Woods. Auditor Paul Mayville, Safety-Service Director Tanner Salyers and Law Director Rob Broeren discussed the various transfers in the legislation. Miller asked if the construction manager at-risk delivery method would be appropriate for the bike path, and Engineer Brian Ball responded that it would not. Salyers added that there will not be an interim budget for 2025, and that the Administration is resolving issues discovered since the retirement of the previous Auditor. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



City Council
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SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2024-119

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Parks and Recreation
Miller, Severns
Category: Parks
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4140

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE COLUMBUS DELANO FIELD OF DISCOVERY IN ARIEL-FOUNDATION PARK.

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

SECTION 1: Purpose and Intent The purpose of this resolution is to establish the Columbus Delano Field of Discovery within Ariel-Foundation Park, to enhance public awareness of Delano's contributions to government and conservation, to provide an ecologically diverse environment, support native species, and offer educational and recreational opportunities to the community.

SECTION 2: Designation of the Columbus Delano Field of Discovery The area designated as the Columbus Delano Field of Discovery shall be located within the West Prairie area of Ariel-Foundation Park, an area chosen for its natural beauty, accessibility, and alignment with conservation values upheld by the City of Mount Vernon and its various committees and community partners dedicated to the same goals.

SECTION 3: Components of the Columbus Delano Field of Discovery

1. Native Pollinator and Grass Zones

The field shall feature sections planted with native pollinator flowers and grasses indigenous to Ohio. These zones will promote biodiversity, support pollinators like bees, butterflies, and birds, and enhance the aesthetic value of the park.

2. Sunflower Fields

The Columbus Delano Field of Discovery shall contain dedicated fields of sunflowers, symbolizing growth and the power of nature, and providing a visual and sensory experience for visitors.

3. Walking Trails

Environmentally friendly, accessible walking trails shall be established throughout the field to provide public access and enhance recreational opportunities while preserving natural ecosystems.

4. Educational Kiosks

Kiosks placed strategically throughout the Columbus Delano Field of Discovery will offer educational information about Columbus Delano's contributions, native Ohio ecosystems, conservation practices, and the importance of preserving native flora and fauna.

5. Biodegradable Public Art Installations

To inspire ecological awareness, public art installations composed of biodegradable materials shall be periodically installed. These installations will blend with the environment and gradually return to the earth, embodying the principles of sustainability and conservation.

6. Native Trees of Ohio Grove

A grove featuring over fifty (or more) native Ohio trees shall be established, showcasing a variety of species. This grove will serve as a lasting tribute to Ohio's natural heritage and provide shade, habitat, and educational opportunities for visitors.

7. Johnny Appleseed Heritage Arbor

An arbor of apple trees, directly descended from the original Johnny Appleseed orchards, shall be cultivated in the Columbus Delano Field of Discovery. This feature will honor Ohio's agricultural history and allow visitors to experience a living connection to Johnny Appleseed's legacy.

SECTION 4: Management and Maintenance The Columbus Delano Field of Discovery shall be managed by the City of Mount Vernon in partnership with the Ariel Foundation Park Conservancy. Management will ensure the area is maintained sustainably and aligns with ecological preservation practices, including seasonal planting, routine upkeep of trails, and preservation of native species.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2024-119 was given a first reading. Miller requested a 15-minute meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee on the legislation for Nov. 25, 2024.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-120

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Woods
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4142

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 Community Development, in the amount of \$11,500.00, to be taken from account 701.2740.54118, Environmental Consultant.
2. To Bricker Graydon LLP, in the amount of \$3141.25, to be taken from account 101.1500.54111, Other Legal Duties.
3. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$8,813.87, to be taken from account 701.2720.53312, M&R-Building.
4. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$8,813.87, to be taken from account 720.2820.53312, Plant Maintenance.
5. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$8,813.87, to be taken from account 701.2740.55514, Line Maintenance & Repairs.
6. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$8,813.87, to be taken from account 720.2840.55514, Line Maintenance & Repairs.
7. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$8,813.87, to be taken from account 710.3210.55514, Line Maintenance & Repairs.
8. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$8,813.87, to be taken from account 201.2900.53313, Materials & Supplies.
9. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$8,813.87, to be taken from account 101.2600.53312, Maintenance & Repairs.
10. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$4,406.94, to be taken from account 101.2500.53312, Maintenance & Repairs.
11. To OpenGov, in the amount of \$4,406.94, to be taken from account 204.3100.53312, Maintenance & Repairs.

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. 2024-120, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-120, with a second by Woods. Auditor Paul Mayville discussed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Woods, Keener
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4124

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2024-44

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That the following exempt professional position is hereby authorized within the salary range and upon the appropriation times listed below:

	Min	Mid	Max
Fire Marshal.....	\$34.96	\$41.95	\$48.95 (per hour)

The salary authorized by this Ordinance shall be payable bi-weekly.

SECTION 2: The salary range listed is the base salary range for the position. The position is eligible for annual longevity increments:

For the first five (5) years, \$400.00.

Annual Longevity Increments after five (5) years:

Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$500.00	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$700.00

The effective date of eligibility for an annual longevity increment shall be the anniversary date of employment in that position or the anniversary date of employment in the comparable position of Fire Inspector.

SECTION 3: Exempt employees are expected to work as necessary, including outside of normal business hours, in the completion of their duties. Exempt employees will work with their supervisor in establishing their work schedule.

SECTION 4: This position shall be entitled to the following benefits, on the same terms granted to fire personnel in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and the IAFF Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters: Jury and Witness Duty Pay (Art 15), Holidays, (Art 22), Vacation (Art 23), Personal Leave (Art 24), Sick Leave (Art 26), Bereavement Leave (Art 27), Injury Leave (Art 28), Training Programs (Art 30), Hospitalization and Medical Insurance (Art 31), Uniforms (Art 32), OP&F Contributions (Art 37), Family and Medical Leave (Art 39), Leaves of Absence (Art 41), and Tuition Reimbursement (Art 44). Benefit hours that are established for 48-hour or 56-hour work week, if no 40-hour benefit levels are indicated in the agreement.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2024.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the further reason to effectuate provisions of the agreement between the IAFF and the City effective July 1, 2024, and shall 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:

10/28/24

City Council

FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2024-44 was given a first reading. Woods requested a 10-minute meeting of the Employee and Community Relations Committee on the legislation for Nov. 12, 2024.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Woods made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2024-44, with a second by Keener. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Woods made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-44, with a second by Keener. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2024-45

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Land Use and Development
Keener, Mahan

Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill

DOC ID: 4137

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE AUGUST 2024 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, certain provisions within the Codified Ordinances should be amended to conform with current State law as required by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, various ordinances of a general and permanent nature have been passed by Council which should be included in the Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Council has heretofore entered into a contract with the Walter H. Drane Company to prepare and publish an annual revision; and

WHEREAS, the codification of such ordinances, together with the new matter to be adopted, the matters to be amended and those to be repealed are before the Council;

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

SECTION 1: That the editing, arrangement and numbering or renumbering of the following ordinances and parts of ordinances are hereby approved as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Mount Vernon, Ohio, so as to conform to the classification and numbering system of the Codified Ordinances, to-wit:

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>C.O. Section</u>
2024-07	3-26-24	111.08(a)
2024-11	3-11-24	901.01 to 901.04, 901.99
2024-13	4-8-24	129.16
2024-18	3-13-24	Repeals Ch. 551
2024-20	3-13-24	129.17
2024-22	3-28-24	February 2024 Replacement Pages
2024-26	3-28-24	135.02, 135.021, 135.06
2024-28	6-10-24	183.012(B), 183.062(D), (F) (1), (G), 183.094,

		183.10(C)(4), 183.22
2024-32	7-22-24	1101.01 to 1101.13, 1102.01 to 1102.05, 1103.01 to 1103.11, 1104.01 to 1104.03, 1105.01 to 1105.05 1106.01, 1106.02, 1107.01 to 1107.06, 1108.01, 1108.02, 1109.01 to 1109.08, 1110.01 to 1110.06, 1111.01 to 1111.08 1112.01 to 1112.08, 1113.01 to 1113.13, 1114.01 to 1114.16, 1115.01 to 1115.07 1116.01 to 1116.10, 1117.01 1117.03
2024-33	7-22-24	141.01
2024-34	7-22-24	147.01 to 147.06

SECTION 2: That, the following sections and chapters are hereby added, amended or repealed as respectively indicated in order to comply with current State law.

Traffic Code

None

General Offenses Code

529.07 Open Container Prohibited. (Amended)

SECTION 3: That the complete text of the sections listed above are set forth in full in the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances which are hereby attached to this

Ordinance as Exhibit A. The listing above of each new section by reference to its title shall constitute sufficient publication of new matter contained therein.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and 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 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 in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ordinance No. 2024-45 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2024-46

Meeting: 11/12/24 7:30 PM
Dept: Parks and Recreation
Miller, Severns
Category: Parks
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4141

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PERMIT
OVERNIGHT CAMPING IN CITY-OWNED PARKS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon desires to create opportunities for outdoor recreation and community engagement within its public parks; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for controlled and supervised overnight camping to ensure the safety, security, and cleanliness of City-owned parks; and

WHEREAS, the Safety-Service Director has the authority and responsibility to maintain order and safety within the City of Mount Vernon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That Section 931.02 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions are in **bold**):

931.02 PROHIBITED USES IN PARKS.

(a) No tent shows or carnivals shall be permitted to use or exhibit in any municipally owned park within the City.

(b) No camping trailers shall be permitted to park and no tents shall be erected for living quarters in any municipally owned park within the City. **The Safety-Service Director is authorized to issue a permit for overnight camping in designated City-owned parks. The Safety-Service Director shall issue rules regulating overnight camping. Permits shall only be issued for recreational, educational, and community events.**

(c) Any trailers remaining overnight require the permission of the Safety-Service Director.

SECTION 2: That Section 931.05 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions are in **bold**):

931.05 CLOSING HOURS.

(a) No person is permitted in Dan Emmett Park, Riverside Park, Phillips Park, Memorial Park, Arch Avenue Park or Hiawatha Park, used for public recreation and owned or operated by the City, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day. No person is permitted in Ariel-Foundation Park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless the person is actively fishing.

(b) During the winter months between November 15th and the first Monday of April of each year no person shall occupy the Parks specified in subsection (a) hereof between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

(c) The Safety-Service Director may waive the closing hour requirements for those who receive a permit issued pursuant to Ord. 931.02(b).

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ordinance No. 2024-46 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 11/25/2024 7:30 PM