



**City Council  
Legislative Session**

**Agenda**

**March 23, 2026  
7:30 PM**

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Mount Vernon City Council  
 Committee Meeting Schedule  
 March 23, 2026

| <b>Time</b>      | <b>Topic Under Discussion</b>                                            | <b>Committee</b>                           |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 6:35 – 6:40 p.m. | Ord. 2026-07 Amendment to 133 of the Codified Ordinances                 | Employee & Community Relations<br>- Keener |
| 6:40 – 6:50 p.m. | Ord. 2026-05 Community Development / Public Information Officer Position | Employee & Community Relations<br>- Keener |
| 6:50 – 7:15 p.m. | Ordinance 2026-04 Bond Anticipation Notes                                | Finance & Budget<br>- Mahan                |

**MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

Invocation to be given by Pastor Doug Pummell, Mulberry Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Minutes City Council 2026\_03\_09

**RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Employee & Community Relations Committee Minutes 3/09/2026  
 Finance and Budget Committee Minutes 03/09/2026

**LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE**

**PROCLAMATION**

**PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR THE BLACKJACK WETLAND PROJECT (PID 1510202).

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE VETERANS WALK OF HONOR PROJECT (PID 2541300); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-31

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE ADDITIONAL LINES PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(F); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

**ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$29,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A POLICE STATION AND RELATED FACILITIES; FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME; IMPROVING THE SITES THEREOF; AND ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY AND INTERESTS THEREIN AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 755.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CURB-SIDE RECYCLING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 133 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SERVICES AND RESOURCE COORDINATOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 763 AND 773 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING TAXI CABS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 183.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

**REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

**REMARKS FROM COUNCIL**

**ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT**



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 18, 2026

### **Mount Vernon City Council Committee Meeting Schedule March 23, 2026**

| <b>Time</b>      | <b>Topic Under Discussion</b>                                            | <b>Committee</b>                           |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
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| 6:40 – 6:50 p.m. | Ord. 2026-05 Community Development / Public Information Officer Position | Employee & Community Relations<br>- Keener |
| 6:50 – 7:15 p.m. | Ordinance 2026-04 Bond Anticipation Notes                                | Finance & Budget<br>- Mahan                |

The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.  
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**City Council Minutes  
Legislative Session**



**March 9, 2026**

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Mount Vernon City Council  
 Committee Meeting Schedule  
 March 9, 2026

| <b>Time</b>      | <b>Topic Under Discussion</b>                                                                 | <b>Committee</b>                           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 6:10 – 6:40 p.m. | Executive Session with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action | Executive Session                          |
| 6:40 – 7:00 p.m. | Ordinance 2026-04 Bond Anticipation Notes                                                     | Finance & Budget<br>- Mahan                |
| 7:00 – 7:15 p.m. | Ord. 2026-05 Community Development / Public Information Officer Position                      | Employee & Community Relations<br>- Keener |

Mahan made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussion with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent litigation. Keener seconded. Executive Session entered at 6:11 PM by unanimous roll call vote (Hawkins and Jacklin absent/excused). Attendees of Executive Session: LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mike Miller, John Ruckman, Mel Severns, Mayor Starr, Law Director Broeren, Auditor Brinkman, Treasurer Stuller. Councilmember Jacklin joined at 6:14 PM. Mahan made a motion to exit Executive Session. Keener seconded. Executive Session ended at 6:39 PM by unanimous roll call vote.

**MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

| <b>Present</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Excused</b>                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Fourth Ward LeNan Hager<br>At-Large Amber Keener<br>First Ward James Mahan<br>President Pro Tem Mel Severns<br>Second Ward John Ruckman<br>At-Large Dale Miller<br>3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin |               | Council President Bruce Hawkins |

**INVOCATION**

Invocation: Pastor Andy Beatty, Central Christian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All recited in unison.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Minutes City Council 2-23-2026

Keener made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2/23/2026 City Council Session. Hager seconded. Accepted by unanimous voice vote.

**RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Streets & Public Buildings Committee Minutes 2/23/2026a
- Streets & Public Buildings Committee Minutes 2/23/2026b
- Finance & Budget Committee Minutes 2/23/2026

Accepted without comment.

**LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE**

**PROCLAMATION**

**PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A QUALIFICATION-BASED SELECTION FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH END PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PHASE 1 (KNO-122162 SRTS (SR 586), PID 2411301).

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Severns made a motion to amend the title of the Resolution, deleting the section that states "A qualification based selection for design services related to" and replacing it with "construction contract for." Mahan seconded. Amended by unanimous roll call vote. Severns made a motion to adopt as amended. Mahan seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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|                  | <b>Motion to Adopt as Amended</b>                                                              |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>                                                                        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | At-Large Mel Severns                                                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | First Ward James Mahan                                                                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                           |

**RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ACQUIRE BY ANY MEANS AUTHORIZED BY RC 735.05 EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take Resolution 2026-24 to its third and final reading. Severns seconded. Miller asked what the rationale for the suspension is. Mahan said it is equipment for Public Works. Safety Service Director Salyers said that this is part of budgeted purchases, but is above the threshold to purchase without Council approval. Hager asked how quickly the equipment could arrive. Salyers said that varies, but the more time, the better to make sure it is here before Summer. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote.

Mahan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-24. Severns seconded. Salyers said that the purchase will be split 50/50 between Streets and Stromwater. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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|                  | <b>Motion to Adopt</b>                                                                         |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>                                                                        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | First Ward James Mahan                                                                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | At-Large Mel Severns                                                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                           |

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-25 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Safety Service Director Salyers noted that this is a trade-in, trading in two older mowers for two newer ones. Severns asked what the average amount of hours were for mowers. Salyers noted that the mowers weren't used up, but were being traded up. Miller asked what the process for trading in is and if it would be better to shop around. Salyers said the City has a vendor they use regularly. If the mowers were put on GovDeals, they would get a far lower rate of return. Ruckman also stated that cities often lease out older equipment rather than auction them to get the most value on their return. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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|                  | <b>Motion to Adopt</b>                                                                         |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>                                                                        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | First Ward James Mahan                                                                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | At-Large Mel Severns                                                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                           |

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT AND FORMALLY REQUESTING CONSIDERATION FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING IN THE FY27 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000 TO SUPPORT ENHANCEMENTS TO THE MOUNT VERNON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, SUPPORTING REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

John Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-26 to its third and final reading. Dale Miller seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. John Ruckman made a motion to adopt. Dale Miller seconded. Salyers noted that last time these funds were available, the City was in the pipeline, but do to federal changes, did not receive funds. Rep. Balderson and Sen. Moreno seem amenable to the project. The request deadline is the end of this week. \$5 million is the most the City can ask.

Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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|                  | <b>Motion to Adopt</b>                                                                         |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>                                                                        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Second Ward John Ruckman                                                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | At-Large Dale Miller                                                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                           |

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27**

**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 & Budget: Mahan, Severns**

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-27 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Auditor Brinkman noted that the payments were for 1. ground testing for Engineering. 3. A Then & Now approved at last meeting, but with one additional charge. 4. HR vendor from last year. and 6. Treasurer projects. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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|                  | <b>Motion to Adopt</b>                                                                         |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>                                                                        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | First Ward James Mahan                                                                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | At-Large Mel Severns                                                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                           |

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

**Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns**

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-28 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Brinkman these are grants that are disbursed after the funds are spent. Salyers noted this project goes back to 2022. When the reimbursements come may vary, but they are all promises by ODOT. Jacklin encouraged anyone not in favor of the road project to look at the traffic data indicating need. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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|                  | <b>Motion to Adopt</b>                                                                         |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>                                                                        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | First Ward James Mahan                                                                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | At-Large Mel Severns                                                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                           |

**ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CODE ENFORCEMENT; AND DECLARING AN**

**EMERGENCY.**

**Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman**

Amber Keener made a motion to adopt. John Ruckman seconded. Keener noted that this position was discussed during budget season. Salyers noted that the position will lighten the load on the general fund as much of the funding for the position comes from the enterprise fund. Miller noted that Code Enforcement will become more and more necessary. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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|                  | <b>Motion to Adopt</b>                                                                         |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>                                                                        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | At-Large Amber Keener                                                                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Second Ward John Ruckman                                                                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                           |

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04**

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$29,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A POLICE STATION AND RELATED FACILITIES; FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME; IMPROVING THE SITES THEREOF; AND ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY AND INTERESTS THEREIN AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns**

Mahan made a motion to amend Ordinance 2026-04 to remove section 15 and renumber all sections thereafter. Severns seconded. Amended by unanimous roll call vote. Mahan gave Ordinance 2026-04 its second reading.

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|                  | <b>Motion to Amend</b>                                                                         |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>                                                                        |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | First Ward James Mahan                                                                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | At-Large Mel Severns                                                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                           |

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman**

Keener gave Ordinance 2026-05 its second reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on 3/23/2026.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 755.04 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CURB-SIDE  
RECYCLING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

Ruckman gave Ordinance 2026-06 its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 133 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CIVIL  
SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener gave Ordinance 2026-07 its first reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on 3/23/2026.

**REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Starr noted that it was great to see members of the community and the City at the Chamber of Commerce event. He congratulated all nominees and winners from the event.

**REMARKS FROM COUNCIL**

Keener thanked the administration and Severns for their work on the safe routes to school program. It is good to see the government respond positively to citizen concerns.

Mahan thanked Quinten Platt in Engineering and those working on the sidewalk project.

**ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT**

Keener made a motion to adjourn. Hager seconded. Adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:12 PM.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

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Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council



## 2026-2027

### **Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026 – 6:41 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mel Severns, President Pro Tem  
James Mahan, First Ward  
John Ruckman, Second Ward  
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward  
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward  
Amber Keener, At-Large  
Dale Miller, At-Large

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Bruce Hawkins, President

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Matt Starr, Mayor  
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director  
Rob Broeran, Law Director  
David Stuller, Treasurer  
Dan Brinkman, Auditor  
Robert Morgan, Police Chief  
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk  
Cigarette Parks, VP for Pizzuti Solutions

**Ordinance 2026-04 Bond Anticipation Notes**

Cigarette Parks from Pizzuti solution's spoke, reporting that they are most of the way through construction documents, those should be complete in a few weeks, and leave capacity for expansion in the future. Review of the drawings takes about 2 weeks. The construction group will then submit an estimate. After that, if within budget, the construction group will bid out competitively. The best and most responsive bidder will be accepted. Parks' project team has worked diligently to reduce the project estimate cost from \$29 million to \$26 million without losing operational integrity. This included furnishings and bells and whistles. On bid day, the GMP (guaranteed max price) comes back for the project. This is a standard process.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jay Mahan, Chair  
Finance & Budget  
Mount Vernon City Council  
JM/zs



## 2026-2027

### **Employee & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026 – 6:55 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mel Severns, President Pro Tem  
James Mahan, First Ward  
John Ruckman, Second Ward  
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward  
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward  
Amber Keener, At-Large  
Dale Miller, At-Large

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Bruce Hawkins, President

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Matt Starr, Mayor  
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director  
Rob Broeran, Law Director  
David Stuller, Treasurer  
Dan Brinkman, Auditor  
Robert Morgan, Police Chief  
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk  
Cigarette Parks, VP for Pizzuti Solutions

Ordinance 2026-05 Community Development / Public Information Officer Position  
Safety-Service Director Salyers reported that this position came about from a meeting, about a year ago, where a speaker at a conference said that “if you [as a municipality] do not have an economic development officer or communications officer, you will be left behind.” The City has neither. This position is a good intersection of the duties and skills of both roles. This position would be the appropriate person at the table in economic matters. The role would involve grant management, recruitment, responding to emergencies, and social media/audience engagement. In terms of paying for the position, the proposed position of Executive Administrator for Public Utilities and Code Enforcement would utilize funds from enterprise account, rather than general account, freeing up those remaining funds in the 3600 line. Then, the Community Development position would be evaluated at the end of the year for return on investment. Keener noted that coordinating gifts would be something this position could assist with. Severns asked if this position is really needed or if others in the city could be assigned to fill in the gaps. He stated that he would email questions to Ms. Keener.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amber Keener, Chair  
Employee & Community Relations  
Mount Vernon City Council  
AK/zs



City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-29

Meeting 3/23/2026 7:30 PM  
Parks & Recreation  
Hager, Jacklin  
Category: Resolution  
Prepared By:  
Zac Sherman, City Clerk  
Doc ID: 2026-109

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR THE BLACKJACK WETLAND PROJECT (PID 1510202).**

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 contracts for the Blackjack Wetland project (PID 1510202).

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-30

Meeting 3/23/2026 7:30 PM  
Parks & Recreation  
Hager, Jacklin  
Category: Resolution  
Prepared By:  
Zac Sherman, City Clerk  
Doc ID: 2026-110

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE VETERANS WALK OF HONOR PROJECT (PID 2541300); 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 contract for the Veterans Walk of Honor project (PID 2541300).

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 that bids and contracts must be solicited at the earliest possible time to avoid future cost increases, and to begin work while weather permits, 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.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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RESOLUTION 2026-31

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE ADDITIONAL LINES PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(F); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 5705.09(F) requires each subdivision to establish a special fund for each class of revenues derived from a source other than the general property tax, which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish these funds in order to better track the grant cycles for the Mount Vernon Municipal Court's Probation Department and Wastewater Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of 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 rename the following fund from "711 Fund – Sewer System Replacement & Improvement" fund to "711 Fund – Wastewater Treatment Plant OWDA Fund."

SECTION 2: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to create, pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.09(F), the following lines within "230 Fund - Probation Department Grants" fund and within "711 Fund – Wastewater Treatment Plant OWDA Fund" fund:

230.1700.55512 - FUNDING ADDENDUM (MADE INCENTIVE INCREASE)

711.2800.54111 – CONTRACT SERVICES

SECTION 3:

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.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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RESOLUTION 2026-32

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Prepared By:

Zac Sherman, City Clerk

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

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 make supplemental appropriations as follows:

1. To account 711.2800.54111, Wastewater OWDA Grant - Contract Services, in the amount of \$2,337,416.00 (to expend proceeds of OWDA Loan).
2. To account 101.2640.53312, General Fund - Pool Equipment Maintenance, in the amount of \$7,046.00 (Carryover from previous year, General Fund encumbrances).
3. To account 230.1700.55512, Probation CCA Grant - Funding Addendum (Made Incentive Increase), in the amount of \$29,076.00 (This encompasses one quarter of a grant from 2025 and two additional quarters of the amount to be received in 2026).
4. To account 230.1700.54120, Probation CCA Grant - Additional Treatment Services, in the amount of \$6,268.50 (carryover from previous year).

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.20, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

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ORDINANCE 2026-4

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**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$29,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A POLICE STATION AND RELATED FACILITIES; FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME; IMPROVING THE SITES THEREOF; AND ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY AND INTERESTS THEREIN AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Auditor (the “Auditor”) of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio (the “City”) has certified to this Council of the City (the “Council”) that the estimated life of the improvements stated in the title of this Ordinance (the “Project”) that are to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds and notes herein described exceeds five years, with the maximum maturity of said bonds being 27 years and the maximum maturity of said notes being 20 years; and

WHEREAS, it appears advisable in lieu of issuing bonds at this time to issue notes in anticipation of the issuance of all or a portion of such bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed necessary to issue and sell not to exceed \$29,000,000 of such notes for the Project under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, including Ohio Revised Code Chapter 133, and in particular Section 133.05 thereof, for the purpose described in the title of this Ordinance;

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

SECTION 1: It is declared necessary to issue bonds (the “Bonds”) of the City in the principal sum of not to exceed \$29,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of the Project in the principal sum of not to exceed \$29,000,000 or such lesser amount as shall be determined by the Auditor and certified to this Council.

SECTION 2: The Bonds shall be dated prior to the maturity date of the Notes (as defined hereinbelow), shall bear interest at the maximum average annual interest rate presently estimated to be 6.50% or less per annum, payable semiannually until the principal sum is paid or provision has been duly made therefor, and shall mature in no more than 27 annual installments. Debt service payments on the Bonds in years in which principal of the Bonds is payable shall be as provided by law.

SECTION 3: It is necessary to issue, and this Council hereby determines that there shall be issued, notes (the “Notes”) in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, which Notes

shall be designated as “City of Mount Vernon, Ohio Police Facility Notes, Series 2026,” or as otherwise designated by the Auditor. The Notes may be issued in one or more series.

SECTION 4: The Notes shall be in the amount of not to exceed \$29,000,000, or such lesser amount as shall be determined by the Auditor and certified to this Council, which sum does not exceed the amount of the Bonds. The Auditor is authorized and directed to execute a Certificate of Fiscal Officer Relating to Terms of Notes (the “Certificate of Fiscal Officer”) setting forth the final terms of the Notes, consistent with the requirements of this Ordinance, as shall be determined by the Auditor.

The Notes shall be in such series and shall mature not later than one year following their issuance on such date or dates as shall be determined by the Auditor and certified to this Council in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. The Certificate of Fiscal Officer shall indicate the dated date for the Notes, the purchase price for the Notes (which shall be not less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount thereof), the interest rates for the Notes (provided that the true interest cost for all Notes in the aggregate shall not exceed 6.00% per annum), and such other terms not inconsistent with this Ordinance as the Auditor shall deem appropriate. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and payable at maturity, unless otherwise determined in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. The Notes shall be issued as fully registered notes and may be issued in book-entry form, as set forth herein. The Notes shall be issued in minimum denominations of \$100,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000 in excess thereof unless otherwise determined by the Auditor, and the Notes shall be numbered as determined by the Auditor. Coupons shall not be attached to the Notes. The Notes shall be sold in a transaction exempt from the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

SECTION 5: The Notes shall express upon their faces the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Ordinance. The Notes shall be executed by the Mayor of the City (the “Mayor”) and by the Auditor in their official capacities, provided that either or both of their signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be payable as to both principal and interest at the designated office of the Note Registrar (as defined hereinbelow). No Note shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under this Ordinance unless and until a certificate of authentication, as printed on the Note, is signed by the Note Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Note Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Note so authenticated has been duly issued and delivered under this Ordinance and is entitled to the security and benefit of this Ordinance. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any officer or officers of the Note Registrar or by such other person acting as an agent of the Note Registrar as shall be approved by the Auditor on behalf of the City. It shall not be necessary that the same authorized person sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Notes.

SECTION 6: The Notes shall be the full general obligation of the City, and the full faith, credit and revenue of the City are hereby pledged for the prompt payment of the same. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used only for the retirement of the Notes at maturity, together with interest thereon, and are hereby pledged for such purpose.

SECTION 7: There shall be and is hereby levied annually on all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes and inside the ten mill limitation, a direct tax (the “Debt

Service Levy”) for each year during which any of the Notes are outstanding, in an amount not less than that which would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes, for the purpose of providing, and in an amount which is sufficient to provide, funds to pay interest upon the Notes as and when the same falls due and to provide a fund for the repayment of the principal of the Notes at maturity or upon redemption. The Debt Service Levy shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Article XII, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution.

SECTION 8: The Debt Service Levy shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of such years are certified, extended and collected. The Debt Service Levy shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from the Debt Service Levy shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund, which shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the premium, if any, and interest on and principal of the Notes and Bonds when and as the same falls due. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the City determines that funds will be available from other sources for the payment of the Notes and the Bonds in any year, the amount of the Debt Service Levy for such year shall be reduced by the amount of funds which will be so available, and the City shall appropriate such funds to the payment of the Notes and the Bonds in accordance with law.

SECTION 9: The City hereby covenants, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 133.05(B)(7), to appropriate annually from lawfully available municipal income taxes, and to continue to levy and collect municipal income taxes adequate to produce, amounts necessary to meet the debt charges on the Notes and the Bonds in each year until full payment is made.

SECTION 10: The Notes shall be sold to such purchaser or purchasers (collectively, the “Original Purchaser”) as the Auditor shall designate in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer at the purchase price set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer, plus interest accrued, if any, to the date of delivery of the Notes to the Original Purchaser. The Auditor and the Mayor, or either of them individually, are authorized to execute on behalf of the Council a note purchase agreement or term sheet with the Original Purchaser, setting forth the conditions under which the Notes are to be sold and delivered, which agreement or term sheet shall be in such form, not inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance, as the Auditor shall determine. The Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the Notes, when executed, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and accrued interest, if any, to the date of delivery.

The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest thereon, shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose. Any accrued interest received from the sale of the Notes shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, or other obligations of the City, as permitted by law. Any premium received from the sale of the Notes may be used to pay the financing costs of the Notes within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 133.01(K) or be deposited into the bond retirement fund.

SECTION 11: The Auditor is authorized and directed to serve as authenticating agent, note registrar, transfer agent, and paying agent (collectively, the “Note Registrar”) for the Notes or to execute on behalf of the City a Note Registrar Agreement with such bank or other appropriate financial institution as shall be acceptable to the Auditor and the Original Purchaser,

pursuant to which such bank or financial institution shall agree to serve as the Note Registrar for the Notes. Interest shall be payable at maturity by wire, check or draft mailed to the Registered Owner hereof, as shown on the registration books of the City maintained by the Note Registrar. If at any time the Note Registrar shall be unable or unwilling to serve as such, or the Auditor in such officer's discretion shall determine that it would be in the best interest of the City for such functions to be performed by another party, or the Auditor determines it necessary and appropriate to appoint a co-Note Registrar in addition to the Note Registrar, the Auditor may, and is authorized and directed to, enter into an agreement with a national banking association or other appropriate institution experienced in providing such services, to perform the services required of the Note Registrar hereunder. Each such successor Note Registrar (or co-Note Registrar) shall promptly advise all noteholders of its identity and address. So long as any of the Notes remain outstanding, the City shall cause to be maintained and kept by the Note Registrar, at the office of the Note Registrar, all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Notes as provided in this Section (the "Note Register"). Subject to the provisions hereof, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered on the Note Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes. Payment of or on account of the principal of and interest on any Note shall be made only to or upon the order of that person. Neither the City nor the Note Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as herein provided. All payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Notes, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

Any Note, upon presentation and surrender at the office of the Note Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Note Registrar, may be exchanged for Notes of the same form and of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Notes surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

A Note may be transferred only on the Note Register upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office of the Note Registrar, together with an assignment executed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Note Registrar. Upon that transfer, the Note Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Note or Notes of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Notes surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

In all cases in which Notes are exchanged or transferred hereunder, the City shall cause to be executed and the Note Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner; except that the City and the Note Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The City or the Note Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before it begins the procedure for the exchange or transfer of the Notes. All Notes issued upon any transfer or exchange shall be the valid obligations of the City, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Ordinance, as the Notes surrendered upon that transfer or exchange.

SECTION 12: For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the

following meanings:

“Book-entry form” or “book-entry system” means a form or system under which (i) the beneficial right to payment of principal of and interest on the Notes may be transferred only through a book entry and (ii) physical Notes in fully registered form are issued only to a Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the Notes “immobilized” to the custody of the Depository, and the book entry is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in those Notes.

“Depository” means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, together with its participants, a book-entry system to record beneficial ownership of securities and to effect transfers of securities in book-entry form, and includes The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

All or any portion of the Notes may be initially issued to a Depository for use in a book-entry system, and the provisions of this Section shall apply, notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance: (i) there shall be a single Note of each maturity; (ii) those Notes shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository; (iii) the beneficial owners in book-entry form shall have no right to receive Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iv) ownership of beneficial interests in any Notes in book-entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by the Depository and by book entry; and (v) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City. Debt service charges on Notes in book-entry form registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee shall be payable in same day funds delivered to the Depository or its authorized representative (i) in the case of interest on each interest payment date if any interest is due and payable prior to the maturity of the Notes, and (ii) in all other cases, upon presentation and surrender of Notes as provided in this Ordinance.

The Note Registrar may, with the approval of the City, enter into an agreement with the beneficial owner or registered owner of any Note in the custody of a Depository providing for making all payments to that owner of principal and interest on that Note or any portion thereof (other than any payment of the entire unpaid principal amount thereof) at a place and in a manner (including wire transfer of federal funds) other than as provided above in this Ordinance, without prior presentation or surrender of the Note, upon any conditions which shall be satisfactory to the Note Registrar and the City. That payment in any event shall be made to the person who is the registered owner of that Note on the date that principal is due, or, with respect to the payment of interest, as of the applicable date agreed upon as the case may be. The Note Registrar shall furnish a copy of each of those agreements, certified to be correct by the Note Registrar, to other paying agents for Notes and to the City. Any payment of principal or interest pursuant to such an agreement shall constitute payment thereof pursuant to, and for all purposes of, this Ordinance.

If requested, the Auditor, the Mayor, or any other officer of the City is authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the City, an agreement among the City, the Note Registrar and a Depository to be delivered in connection with the

issuance of the Notes to such Depository for use in a book-entry system.

The City may decide to discontinue use of the book-entry system through the Depository. In that event, physical Note certificates will be printed and delivered to the Depository.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as the Depository for the Notes for use in a book-entry system, the City and the Note Registrar may attempt to establish a securities depository/book-entry relationship with another qualified Depository under this Ordinance. If the City and the Note Registrar do not or are unable to do so, the City and the Note Registrar, after the Note Registrar has made provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository and authenticate and deliver note certificates in fully registered form to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including costs of printing and delivering definitive Notes), if the event is not the result of action or inaction by the City or the Note Registrar, of those persons requesting such issuance.

SECTION 13: The Auditor may determine to issue all or any series or portion of the Notes as obligations that the interest thereon is excluded from the noteholders' gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the following provisions of this Section shall apply to such Notes (or series or portions thereof):

The City covenants that it will comply with the requirements of all existing and future laws which must be satisfied in order that interest on the Notes is and will continue to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including without limitation restrictions on the use of the property financed with the proceeds of the Notes so that the Notes will not constitute "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The City further covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Notes in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the Notes are issued, so that they will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code and the regulations prescribed thereunder (the "Regulations").

The Auditor, the Mayor, or any other officer of the City, is authorized and directed (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval or waiver on behalf of the City with respect to the Notes as permitted or required to be made or given under the federal income tax laws, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or the status of the Notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing any rebate amount or any payment of penalties, or making any payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, any excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by the Auditor, which action shall be in writing and signed by the Auditor, the Mayor, or any other officer of the City, on behalf of the City; (b) to take any and all actions, make or obtain calculations, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the City as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Notes; and (c) to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the City, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances, and reasonable expectations of the City pertaining to Section 148 and the Regulations, and the representations, warranties and covenants

of the City regarding compliance by the City with Sections 141 through 150 of the Code and the Regulations.

The Auditor shall keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to the use and investment of all proceeds of the Notes sufficient to permit, to the maximum extent possible and presently foreseeable, the City to comply with any federal law or regulation now or hereafter having applicability to the Notes that relates to the use of such proceeds, which limits the amount of Note proceeds that may be invested on an unrestricted yield or requires the City to rebate arbitrage profits to the United States Department of the Treasury. The Auditor is authorized and directed to file such reports with, and rebate arbitrage profits to, the United States Department of the Treasury, to the extent that any federal law or regulation having applicability to the Notes requires any such reports or rebates.

SECTION 14: The Auditor is authorized to obtain or update a rating or ratings on the Notes and the City if the Auditor determines that it is necessary or advisable in connection with the original issuance of the Notes. If the Auditor so determines, then the Auditor, the Mayor, or any other officer of the City are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to obtain such rating or ratings, including paying the rating fees imposed by any rating agency and paying any travel expenses relating to obtaining such rating or ratings.

SECTION 15: The Auditor and the Treasurer of the City (the "Treasurer") are authorized to make the deposits and fund transfers required, necessary, or advisable to accomplish the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 16: The Council hereby approves of the appointments of the law firm of Bricker Graydon Wyatt LLP to serve as Bond Counsel and Bradley Payne, LLC to serve as a municipal advisor to the City with respect to the issuance of the Notes. The respective fees to be paid to such firms shall be subject to review and approval by the Auditor and shall not exceed the fees customarily charged for such services.

SECTION 17: The Clerk of Council, the Auditor, the Director of Law, and any other officers of the Council or the City, or any of them individually, are authorized and directed to prepare and certify a true transcript of proceedings pertaining to the Notes and to furnish a copy of such transcript to the Original Purchaser. Such transcript shall include certified copies of all proceedings and records of the Council relating to the power and authority of the City to issue the Notes and certificates as to matters within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records under their custody and control, including but not limited to (i) a general certificate of the Clerk of Council and the Director of Law and (ii) a no-litigation certificate of the Mayor, the Auditor, and the Director of Law, and such certified copies and certificates shall be deemed representations of the City as to the facts stated therein. Except for the procedure for authenticating the Notes set forth herein, documents (including this Ordinance) executed, scanned and transmitted electronically and electronic and digital signatures shall be deemed original signatures for said transcript of the Notes, for the purposes of this Ordinance, and for all matters related thereto, with any such scanned, electronic, and digital signatures having the same legal effect as original signatures.

The Auditor, the Mayor, and any other officer of the City are authorized and directed to take such action (including, but not limited to, hiring such professionals and consultants as may be needed to facilitate the issuance of the Notes) and to execute and deliver, on behalf of this

Council and the City, such additional instruments, agreements, certificates, and other documents as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent of this Ordinance. Such documents shall be in the form not substantially inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance, as they in their discretion shall deem necessary or appropriate.

SECTION 18: It is hereby found and determined that all acts, conditions and things necessary to be done precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding obligations of the City have happened, been done and been performed in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith, credit and revenue of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal and interest thereof at maturity; and that no limitation of indebtedness or taxation, either statutory or constitutional, has been exceeded in issuing the Notes.

SECTION 19: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

SECTION 20: The Clerk of Council is directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County Auditor of Knox County, Ohio.

SECTION 21: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to facilitate the timely execution of one or more contracts relating to the Project and to take advantage of currently prevailing interest rates. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the Council; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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**Keener, Ruckman**  
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Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City  
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**ORDINANCE 2026-5**

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC  
INFORMATION OFFICER; 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:

|                                                      | Pay Grade | Min     | Mid     | Max                |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| Community Development/<br>Public Information Officer | 6         | \$30.25 | \$36.30 | \$42.36 (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 with the City in a non-bargaining unit position.

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 benefits outlined in the Mount Vernon Employee Handbook effective August 2021, as amended.

SECTION 5: 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 bring needed supervision to permitted projects within the City, 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.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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ORDINANCE 2026-6

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Utilities

Ruckman, Miller

Category: Ordinance

Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City

Clerk

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**N ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 755.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CURB-SIDE RECYCLING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Section 1. That Section 755.04 (c) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~strikethrough~~):

c. Recycling Requirement: All haulers permitted to operate within the City are required to offer recycling services to all customers, except as exempted in this chapter, **in the same frequency that the hauler picks up solid waste (i.e. if the hauler picks up solid waste weekly, the hauler must also pick up recycling weekly).**

Section 2. 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 remove ambiguity regarding the frequency of recycling pick-up, 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.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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ORDINANCE 2026-7

Meeting 3/23/2026 7:30 PM  
Employee & Community  
Relations  
Keener, Ruckman  
Category: Ordinance  
Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City  
Clerk  
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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 133 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION;  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Section 1. That Section 133.02, entitled “Alternate Members of the Civil Service  
Commission” be added to Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances, and shall read as  
follows:

The Mayor shall also appoint two alternate members to the Civil Service  
Commission, with the approval of City Council, who may be called upon by the Mayor to  
hear matters before Civil Service Commission if a member is unavailable or has a conflict  
of interest. Each alternate member shall serve for a period of five (5) years or until his or  
her successor is appointed and qualified. Alternate members of the Civil Service  
Commission shall be removable for nonperformance of duty, misconduct in office, or other  
reasonable cause by the Mayor upon written charges and after a public hearing has been  
held regarding such charges, a copy of the charges having been served upon the member so  
charged at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing either personally or by registered mail, or  
by leaving the same at his place of residence. The member shall be given an opportunity to  
be heard and answer such charges. The Mayor, with the approval of City Council, shall fill  
any vacancies of the alternate members of the Civil Service Commission by appointing a  
new member to the unexpired term of the previous member.

Section 2. That Section 133.03, entitled “Operation of the Civil Service  
Commission” be added to Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances, and shall read as  
follows:

The Civil Service Commission may adopt rules and regulations governing the  
conduct of its affairs that are consistent with the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount  
Vernon. All rules and regulations shall be filed with the Clerk of Council and made  
available for public inspection.

Section 3. 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 bring additional volunteers onto the very busy Civil Service Commission , 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.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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Keener, Ruckman  
Category: Ordinance

Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City  
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ORDINANCE 2026-8

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SERVICES AND RESOURCE COORDINATOR; 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:

|                                   | Pay Grade | Min     | Mid     | Max                |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| Services and Resource Coordinator | 1         | \$21.57 | \$25.88 | \$30.20 (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 with the City in a non-bargaining unit position.

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. The normal work week for non-exempt employees shall be forty (40) hours in pay status work on five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days, Monday through Friday, exclusive of the time allotted for meals, during the period starting at 12:01 A. M. Sunday to 12:00 P. M. Midnight, Saturday, unless otherwise set by the employee's supervisor or appointing authority.

SECTION 4: This position shall be entitled to the benefits outlined in the Mount Vernon Employee Handbook effective August 2021, as amended.

SECTION 5: 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 that this position serves as a central connection point between residents, City services, and community resources, and is necessary for the unhindered operation of the City, and said position 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.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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ORDINANCE 2026-9

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Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City  
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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 763 AND 773 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING TAXI CABS;  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**Section 1.** That Chapter 763 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 763 - TAXICABS**

**763.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.**

No person shall operate for hire, upon the streets of the City, a taxicab or automobile for hire without first having obtained a license for the taxicab from the City Inspector.

**763.02 LICENSE FEE; EXPIRATION; TRANSFERABILITY.**

(a) Each taxicab or automobile kept for hire in the City shall be licensed and the owner thereof shall pay to the City Inspector, a license fee set by the Board of Control, annually for each taxicab or automobile kept for hire. The term "taxicab or automobile kept for hire" shall not be held to include motor busses, nor shall such terms be held to include any automobile leased or rented for private use without the services of a driver.

(b) All such licenses shall expire on midnight of the date shown on the license.

(c) Upon the application of the owner of a taxicab or automobile kept for hire, already licensed, the City Inspector may authorize the transfer of the license to another taxicab or automobile kept for hire, owned by the same person, firm or corporation for a fee to be set by the Board of Control

**763.03 INSURANCE REQUIRED.**

No license to operate any taxicab or automobile kept for hire shall be issued or renewed by the City Inspector, and no person shall operate or permit the operation of such unless and until the owner of same shall deposit and maintain on deposit with the City Inspector, a certificate of insurance of an insurance company and/or companies duly licensed to transact such business in the State, certifying that it is insuring the owner of such taxicab or automobile kept for hire and any chauffeur or driver operating the same, against loss from liability imposed by law for damages on account of bodily injuries or death with limits of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to any one person, and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for any one accident, and with a limit of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for damages to property resulting from such ownership, maintenance or use of such taxicab or automobile so kept for passenger hire in the City, and agreeing to pay to any judgment creditor, to the extent of the

respective amounts specified in such policy, any final judgment rendered against the assured or such operated by reason of such liability.

#### 763.04 CAB MARKING AND TYPES.

All cabs shall be plainly marked on rear with the name of person, firm or corporation owning same and number of the cab in letters and numerals of not less than three inches each. All cabs shall have four passenger doors and be of or a sedan, station wagon or SUV body type.

#### 763.05 SOLICITATIONS.

No chauffeur or driver of any taxicab, automobile kept for hire, or any other person while on the public streets or highways, or any other public place shall solicit patrons or passengers for such vehicle in any other way than in an ordinary tone or voice or by the display of a sign attached to his vehicle, such sign not to be more than eight inches square in size; and no chauffeur or driver of any taxicab or automobile kept for hire, or other persons, shall solicit patrons or passengers for such vehicle when more than three feet distant therefrom.

#### 763.06 CAB STANDS.

(a) The Safety-Service Director is herewith authorized and directed to designate locations on the public streets as cab stands. Each cab stand shall be appropriately marked by signs erected under the supervision of the Safety-Service Director. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle other than a licensed taxicab in a cab stand.

(b) A licensed taxicab may be parked in any cab stand while such taxicab is in charge of its driver on duty awaiting a fare.

#### 763.07 DUTIES OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION.

(a) The Utilities Commission is authorized and empowered to establish and adopt such rules and regulations governing its procedure and duties as are reasonable, necessary and not inconsistent with the terms of any other City Ordinances regulating taxicabs or their operation. The Utilities Commission

(b) Decisions of the City Inspector regarding chapters 763 and 773 of these codified ordinances may be appealed to the Utilities Commission within thirty (30) days of the decision. Only the subject of the decision of the City Inspector may appeal the decision to the Utilities Commission. Any appeal must pay the appellate fee set by the Control Board.

#### 763.08 TAXICAB INSPECTIONS.

(a) Every taxicab shall be kept in a safe and sanitary operating condition at all times that it is being used as a taxicab.

(b) An owner or operator of any taxicab licensed, or in the process of being licensed, shall make such vehicle available for inspection upon the request of law enforcement of the City Inspector or his designee.

(c) Results of any inspections shall be forwarded to the Utilities Commission

#### 763.09 LICENSE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.

The Utilities Commission is authorized and empowered to revoke or suspend the taxicab license of any person, partnership or corporation, or any agent or employee thereof that has violated any provisions of this Chapter or Chapter 773, or any of the other provisions of this Code, or when by

reason of incompetency, negligence or gross misconduct, the Board is of the opinion that in the interest of the Public the license should be revoked or suspended.

#### 763.10 PUBLIC SERVICE STREET REPAIR FUND.

All moneys paid as fees, or fines, as a result of compliance with this Chapter shall be paid into a fund known as the "Public Service Street Repair Fund". All moneys and receipts credited to such fund shall be for the sole purpose of repairing streets, avenues, alleys and lanes within the City.

#### 763.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on each subsequent offense, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

**Section 2.** That Chapter 773 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

### **CHAPTER 773 – TAXICAB DRIVERS**

#### 773.01 DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED.

- (a) Each driver of a taxicab or automobile for hire in the City shall be required to maintain a current and valid driver's license issued by the State of Ohio.
- (b) The Ohio driver's license requirement is in addition to the requirement of a current and valid license, issued by the City Inspector, to operate a taxicab or automobile for hire within the City.
- (c) No owner of a taxicab or automobile for hire shall employ a driver who has not received, and maintained, proper licensing from the City.

#### 773.02 LICENSE APPLICATION, QUALIFICATIONS.

- (a) The application for license for each driver, of any taxicab or automobile for hire, will be available from the City Inspector or found on the City's website.
- (b) Every application submitted will be reviewed by the City Inspector, or his designee, for consideration and can be denied for any of the following reasons:
  - (1) Applicant is under eighteen (18) years of age.
  - (2) Application is incomplete, inaccurate or is not legible.
  - (3) Applicant is deemed a risk to public safety and convenience due to criminal record, driving record, current criminal investigations or any unacceptable behavior during the application process.

#### 773.03 LICENSE FEE; REVOCATION.

- (a) Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the foregoing requirements and payment to the City of the annual fee set by the Board of Control, the City shall issue a license.
- (b) All licenses issued remain the property of the City of Mount Vernon and may be suspended or revoked as provided for in this Code.
- (c) Any lost, stolen or severely damaged license shall be reported to the City Inspector or his designee who may charge for the replacement license.

(d) All such licenses shall expire on midnight of the date shown on the license.

773.04 DISPLAY OF LICENSE.

(a) Every driver licensed under this Chapter shall have his license displayed in his taxicab or motor vehicle for hire so it is clearly visible to passengers.

(b) Every driver licensed under this Chapter shall provide his driver’s license, taxicab license, or other documentation at the request of any law enforcement officer.

773.05 DENIAL OF LICENSE, APPEAL PROCESS.

If, for any reason, the City Inspector denies or rejects any application for a taxicab license, a written appeal may be submitted to the Utilities Commission.

773.06 PUBLIC SERVICE STREET REPAIR FUND.

All moneys paid as fees, or fines, as a result of compliance of this Chapter shall be paid into the “Public Service Street Repair Fund.”

773.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on each subsequent offense, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety by properly regulating the operation of taxi cabs within the City, 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.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 183.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Section 1. That Section 183.013 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be amended as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~strikethrough~~):  
183.013 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

(A) The first one percent (1%) of the funds collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be credited in the following manner:

(1) Such part thereof as shall be necessary to defray all the costs of collecting the tax and the cost of administering and enforcing the provisions thereof.

(2)—(a) Not more than **Fifty-four percent (54%)** ~~fifty-two (52%)~~ of the net available income tax receipts shall be placed in the General Fund and used to defray operating expenses in and of the City.

~~(b) A provision shall be made for a sufficient amount of income tax receipts to be deposited into the Bond Retirement Income Tax Fund to retire the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds for the construction of a maintenance building for the street department, the water department and the wastewater department. At such time the bonds have been fully retired, this provision shall be repealed, and the receipts shall be credited to the General Fund.~~

(3) At least **fifteen percent (15%)** ~~nineteen and one-half percent (19.5%)~~ of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for capital improvements of the City, including, but not limited to, development and construction of sewers; to provide for improvement and maintenance of public buildings; for equipment necessary for police, fire, street, and service departments; and to provide for parks and playgrounds.

(4) At least three percent (3%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for street construction, maintenance and repair funds.

(5) At least one percent (1%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for the police pension fund.

(6) At least one percent (1%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside

for the fire pension fund.

(7) At least four percent (4%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for the cemetery fund.

(8) At least **eleven percent (11%)** ~~nineteen and one-half percent (19.5%)~~ of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for the roads and bridges fund.

**(9) At least eleven percent (11%) of the net available income tax receipts shall be set aside for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Fund.**

Section 2. Any provision in legislation previously adopted which is in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed.

Section 3. The amendment of Section 183.013 as set forth in this Ordinance shall become effective on the first day of the month immediately following the Ordinance’s effective date.

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 to establish the allocation of city income tax for the upcoming fiscal year, 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.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor