

**City Council Minutes
Special Session**



June 2, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

Present	Absent
Council President Bruce Hawkins At-Large Amber Keener First Ward James Mahan At-Large Mel Severns Second Ward John Ruckman At-Large Dale Miller 3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager

Others in attendance: Mayo Matt Starr, Safety Service Director Tanner Salyers, Auditor Dan Brinkman, Acting City Engineer Quentin Platt, Administrative Assistant for Safety Services Amber Swain

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-64

A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Safety-Service Director to Prepare and Submit Applications for the Following PY 2026 Community Development Block Grants: Neighborhood Revitalization Grant, Critical Infrastructure Grant, Residential Public Infrastructure Grant, and Allocation Grant; and Declaring an Emergency.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

John Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-64 to its third and final reading. Dale Miller seconded. Interim Engineer Quentin Platt noted that the reason for the suspension is that the grant deadline is June 10, but there will not be a quorum at the next regular City Council Legislative Session to suspend the rules. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote.

John Ruckman made a motion to adopt. Dale Miller seconded. Interim Engineer Platt explained the process and purpose of CDBG grants. The project focuses on the Pleasant Street area. Six months of public hearings have occurred to gauge the needs in that area. Sidewalk improvements, stormwater improvements, and Hiawatha basketball court were identified as potential improvements. The census track determining the area eligible for the grant comes from the Federal Government.

Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
SECONDER:	At-Large Dale Miller
AYES:	Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-65

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 2026-65 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Broeren explained that this is in relation to the Cattle Dam project. The funds aren't from the City, but from Judge Wetzel's office to cover work already done on the project. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-66

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 2026-66 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Brinkman explained that this is a companion to the previous piece of legislation. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 0]

MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Severns made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Keeter. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council