



**City Council
Legislative Session**

Agenda

**August 24, 2026
7:30 PM**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
August 24, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-29 Fire Department Employees	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener
6:55 – 7:05 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-30 Contract with Enterprise Fleet Management	Finance & Budget - Mahan
7:05 – 7:15 p.m.	E-Bike Survey Results	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Rev. Charles Wilson, St. Paul Episcopal Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes City Council Legislative Session August 10, 2026

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Budget Committee Minutes August 10, 2026
Land Use and Development Public Hearing Minutes August 10, 2026

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-87

A RESOLUTION RENAMING SHELLMAR PARK IN HONOR OF JOHN FRANCIS.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89

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

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-90

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

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-91

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-92

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) PACKAGE NO.2 FOR CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF THE MOUNT VERNON POLICE STATION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT A, PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-29

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-30

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO
EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR
THE LEASING OF CITY VEHICLES.**

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-31

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1305 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 19, 2026

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6:55 – 7:05 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-30 Contract with Enterprise Fleet Management	Finance & Budget - Mahan
7:05 – 7:15 p.m.	E-Bike Survey Results	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns

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

**City Council Minutes
Legislative Session**



August 10, 2026

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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August 10, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Arista Villas Development and Financial Incentives	Land Use & Development - Jacklin
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on Arista Villas Proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement	Land Use & Development - Jacklin
7:00 – 7:10 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-28 Renaming 407 Fund, Creating 409 Fund, and Reallocating Municipal Income Tax Distributions	Finance & Budget - Mahan
7:10 – 7:13 p.m.	Resolution 2026-81 Donating Surplus Supplies	Police, Fire, and Civil Defense - Miller

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Others in Attendance: Mayor Matt Starr, Safety Service Director Tanner Salyers, Auditor Dan Brinkman, Treasurer David Stuller, Law Director Rob Broeren, City Clerk Zac Sherman, City Inspector Scott Zimmerman, Police Chief Morgan, Public Utilities Director Aaron Reinhart, Public Information Officer Madison Sarver, Sam Filkins, Darby Dooley, Cheryl Splain, Maureen Hall, David Hall, Joshua Morrison, Jennifer Shoman, Greg Yashnyk, Zach Green, Gary Kester, Don Carr, Mike Hillier, Jeff Dalp, Janet White, Robin Stevison, Vickie Adams, 8 others

INVOCATION

Invocation given by Mel Severns

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes City Council July 27, 2026

Hager noted that in the minutes, Jay Soreno should be corrected to Dave Sorrino. Keener made a motion to approve the minutes with the stated correction. Severns seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use and Development Public Hearing Minutes July 27, 2026
Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes July 27, 2026

Received without comment.

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Jennifer Shoman: Stated that she understands why the developer and the City want the incentives. But as a representative of the people, how will Council vote? With this development, will people actually be able to afford these homes? As a homeowner, she would prefer to see the cost of the home up front, not as extra rent. TIFs redirect money. Where would that money go otherwise? Is it being pulled from the City to go to the developer? If people are going to pay more, why does the developer get 8 mills, when the City only gets 2?

Zach Green, Knox County Health Commissioner

Quarterly report. Handed out statistics to Council. Lyme disease is peaking. If not addressed in a timely manner, it can become a lifelong chronic health issue. Kathy Miller has been with the agency for forty-two years. She is set to retire soon. Thankful for her work. Salmonella with jalapeños is under investigation. CDC and FDA shortages will continue to lead to outbreaks. Local food stuffs tend to be much safer. There is a confirmed measles case in Knox County. Keener requested that births and deaths be reported next quarter.

Janet White: asked where are the flock cameras located?

Miller responded that that information is available online.

Carol Kuninger: Spoke regarding the football field. Her friend, Robin, was a victim of a five-dog attack at the old football field on the west-end of town. Since that attack, the football field was closed. She asked who made that decision? Many people enjoy the field, kids playing soccer, people bringing their dogs, folks bringing their lawn chairs. She would like it to be reopened. She noted that trash cans in parks are overflowing.

Salyers responded that that was his decision. He clarified that, traditionally, there is not a back-and-forth during the public comment portion. This is the public's time to speak, and then the opportunity for administration and/or Council to respond is later.

Robin Stevison: Spoke regarding unlocking the gate at the old football field on West Gambier Street. She and her dog were attacked. She has been working with Deputy Moore on charges. It went to court recently, and the dogs were deemed malicious. The old football field is a beautiful space. The gates have been unlocked for about forty years. Stevison is willing to donate \$2,000 to put up cameras. When the dog warden was looking for tape, there was none, except from the motorcycle club.

Don Carr: Spoke regarding the Arista Villas TIF. He appreciated the time to speak and finish his presentation from earlier. Streets that have one-way in or out are not a public purpose. 100-600 living units will be a burden on the City and schools. He asked Council to remove the emergency clause and vote no. He held the microphone to a video from London, Ohio, where the TIF area was zoned commercial.

Vickie Adams: Spoke regarding E-Bike. People driving through sidewalks and streets without looking are causing traffic problems, and are dangerous. Some of these vehicles can go 35 MPH. E-Bikes are operated without insurance, license, or training. They shouldn't be allowed on City Streets, and operators should follow City rules. Helmets should be worn. Class Two and Three E-Bikes need to be marked, by law, and registered. Spoke regarding Ordinance 2026-24. She asked that it be amended so that no incentive funds be used within the Arista Villas development. Also, asked that Council think about the burden on City-wide infrastructure

before welcoming in new developments.

Mike Hillier - Arista Villas NCA & TIF

Wanted to clarify two things: prior to this administration, there was never City money put towards development. After Hillier pushed and pushed, the developer agreed to pay for the turn-ins for Liberty Crossing. Second, the City has a big pot of money. Don't give it to developers. Use money for us, not for them.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-78

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

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
SECONDER:	At-Large Amber Keener
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-81

A RESOLUTION TO DONATE SURPLUS MOUNT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY TO ANOTHER PUBLIC ENTITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

Dale Miller made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-81 to its third and final reading. LeNan Hager seconded. Miller referenced the earlier committee meeting regarding the legislation. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Dale Miller made a motion to adopt. LeNan Hager seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Dale Miller
SECONDER:	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-83

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENTS OF KATIE DELOZIER AND STEVE JEFFERSON TO THE BOARD OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE APPEALS, AND TODD HAWKINS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Amber Keener made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-83 to its third and final reading. John Ruckman

seconded. Keener noted that it is standard practice to suspend the rules on appointments. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Amber Keener made a motion to adopt. John Ruckman seconded. Starr noted that the reappointments are for one regular member and one alternate to the Board of Property Maintenance Appeals. Todd Hawkins will be reappointed to the Library Board, where his financial expertise is valued. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-84

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 2026-84 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan clarified that there are invoices which need to be paid. 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 [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-85

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 2026-85 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan clarified that this appropriates to Police Station lines to pay for that construction. 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 [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-86

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

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-86 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan clarified that this is related to storm-damaged trees. Salyers said that stoma damage as well as natural end-of-life trees are included. The funds are being redirected from planting to removal due to the amount of hazardous trees that must be immediately addressed. 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 [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-87

**A RESOLUTION RENAMING SHELLMAR PARK IN HONOR OF JOHN
FRANCIS.**

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

Hager gave Resolution 2026-87 its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-88

**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 2026-88 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan clarified that this is equipment on the shelf, and not used for City purposes. 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 [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-23
AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF
A TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AND
RESIDENCES AT FOUNDERS GROVE, LLC FOR THE BENEFIT OF A
DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 12050 UPPER GILCHRIST ROAD.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
SECONDER:	At-Large Amber Keener
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	Dale Miller

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-24
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN REAL
PROPERTY TO THE MOUNT VERNON NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY
DISTRICT AND TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
MOUNT VERNON NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW
COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED
CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

Jacklin made a motion to amend Ordinance 2026-24 to add the appropriate dates and legislation numbers (as presented in writing) and remove the emergency clause. Keener seconded. Motion defeated by a vote of 3-4. Jacklin, Miller, and Hager voting yes; Severns, Keener, Mahan, and Ruckman voting no.

Jacklin made a motion to amend Ordinance 2026-24 to add the appropriate dates and legislation numbers (as presented in writing). Keener seconded. Ordinance amended by unanimous roll call vote.

Jacklin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-24 as amended. Keener seconded. Dooley clarified that City dollars will be used for the NCA, because these are funds that could otherwise, potentially, be used for City purposes. For NCA, the question is: is the City willing to reimburse the development on infrastructure improvements? If the City does not, the Developer will have no interest in levying charges that do not benefit them. Adopted by a roll call vote of 5-2, with Jacklin and Miller voting no.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt as Amended
RESULT:	Adopted [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
SECONDER:	At-Large Amber Keener
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman
NAYS:	Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-26
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TWO INCENTIVE DISTRICTS AND
DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN
THE INCENTIVE DISTRICTS TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, AND EXEMPT

FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; IDENTIFYING CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE, THAT WILL BENEFIT OR SERVE THE PARCELS IN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICTS; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH ARISTA VILLAS MOUNT VERNON, LLC AND OTHER AGREEMENTS; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

Jacklin made a motion to amend Ordinance 2026-26 to remove the emergency clause. Keener seconded. Jacklin stated that having the emergency clause on the Ordinance prevents the public from engaging. Motion to amend passed by a roll call vote of 4-3, with Severns, Mahan, and Ruckman voting no.

Jacklin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-26. Miller seconded. Dooley spoke, clarifying that, by law, the Ordinance is not eligible for approval until the Council meeting on September 14. Various Council members claimed that they were not aware of this. Jacklin retracted his motion.

Jacklin made a motion to postpone Ordinance 2026-26 to September 14. Keener seconded. Postponed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-27

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CREMATION SCATTERING GARDEN WITHIN MOUND VIEW CEMETERY; AUTHORIZING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN INDIGENT CREMATED REMAINS THEREIN; AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CARE AND DISPOSITION OF SUCH REMAINS.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

LeNan Hager made a motion to adopt. Amber Keener seconded. Salyers noted that an updated map had been provided to Council regarding the site placement. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
SECONDER:	At-Large Amber Keener
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-28

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL FUNDS AND APPROPRIATION LINES RELATED TO THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, RENAMING FUND 407, CREATING FUND 409, REALLOCATING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSFERS.

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan noted this was discussed in committee early that day. 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 [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-29

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener gave Ordinance 2026-29 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on August 24.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-30

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE LEASING OF CITY VEHICLES.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Mahan gave Ordinance 2026-30 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on August 24.

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Starr: Noted that First Friday was another success. During the event, Jerry Scott, Marcie Rienhart, and Randy Cronk were honored for outstanding work to the community. The Workforce development awards luncheon was last Wednesday. Jonny May retired after 31 years with the City. Demo work is underway on S Sandusky St. Congratulations to Chief Morgan on his award from Community's Coming Together regarding his leadership in providing training to the police force on crisis prevention. The Music and Arts Festival is this weekend. Recently, there was a ribbon cutting on the Behavioral Treatment Center on Blackjack Rd. He reminded Council that the Ohio Municipal League conference is coming.

Safety Service Director Salyers: Noted that there have been 430 responses to the City's E-Bike survey. His department will share, and use those responses to plan. The reason for the West Gambier gate closure is that it is not a park, officially. There need to be dual-entry gates, enclosures, etc. The area can still be reserved for activity, but not left wide-open without controls in place. This was recommended by the dog warden. The police department leadership met with the administrative team and Councilman Miller to discuss a review of Flock policy (ALPR). The City will be restricting blanket federal agency access and will review audit measures, and the placement of polls at thruways.

Auditor Daniel Brinkman: noted that the City received a check today for \$700,000 from a previous TIF. If they hadn't taken advantage of TIF incentives thirty years ago, this would not be the case.

Law Director Broeren: Noted that no bicycles are allowed on sidewalks in the central business district. Pedaled bikes may be on

sidewalks in other areas, but not E-Bikes. The Police are endeavoring to be vigilant about this.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Dale Miller: noted that sensible legislation for E-Bikes is important. Thank you to the crowd for being here tonight. Thank you to Mr. Jacklin for his leadership on Arista Villas matters..

Mel Severns: Thank you to Mr. Brinkman for sharing. Noted that thirty years ago, approving financial incentives benefited the City today.

Taylor Jacklin: Noted that he had an email reminding him about postponing Ordinance 2026-26, and forgot during the moment that voting was occurring. Noted, regarding E-Bikes, that this is an affordable means of transportation for many, but doesn't want to see children harmed by using E-Bikes.

Jay Mahan: The difference of opinion seems to be on whether to incentivize a development or not. Let us disagree amiably. Appreciative of the homework of all who have spoken on the matter.

LeNan Hager: Thank you to everyone for being here. She noted that Council wants to hear from people and wants to make them happy, but can't always make everyone happy. It is hard work to be on Council, but she is proud of everyone who is on the dais and those who are participating in the democratic process.

President Hawkins: Reminded all about a repair café at St. Paul's this Saturday. They both need people who have broken things and fix things. 1-4 p.m. The purpose is to keep things out of the junkyards and landfills.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Keener made a motion to adjourn. Severns seconded. Adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:56 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council



2026-2027

**Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Daniel Brinkman, Auditor
Quentin Platt, Interim Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Ordinance 2026-28 Renaming 407 Fund, Creating 409 Fund, and Reallocating Municipal Income Tax Distributions

Brinkman explained that a new fund is needed for the police station construction. The even numbered 400s are TIFs. The odd 400s are capital improvement funds. 409, for the Justice Center, mirrors the Police Station. Section five of the Ordinance changes the income tax allocation, aligning with what Council had previously approved this year (2026), regarding income tax allocations, so that bond repayment is prioritized.

Mahan noted that he intended to suspend the rules and ask that Ordinance 2026-28 be passed that evening.

Respectfully submitted,

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



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2026-2027

**Land Use and Development Public Hearing Minutes
August 10, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Daniel Brinkman, Auditor
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Madison Sarver, Darbey Dooley, Don Carr, Mike Hillier, Gary Kester, Jeff Dalp, Jennifer Shoman, Zach Green, Janet White, Carol Kuninger, Vickie Adams, Robin Stevison, Joshua Morrison David Hall, Maureen Hall

Public Hearing on Arista Villas TIF

Mr. Jacklin opened the floor for persons speaking for and against Arista Villas TIF.

Don Carr noted that the previous committee meeting had a lot of numbers and bureaucracy. Thanked Jacklin and Hager for their coffee event to hear residents last Saturday. The elephant in the room is between the philosophy of growth and development decisions. Citizens love the way Mount Vernon is today. Those who attended last Saturday's meeting agreed that no TIF should be established within City bound. TIFs should only be used for commercial land, not housing developments. There are 55 NCAs in the state of Ohio. Residents may not be aware of the hidden fees that are passed on to them in this development.

Mike Hillier noted that he was originally was on Council and voted for NCA. He clarified that he doesn't mind people moving to Mount Vernon. But does not want the City to be Johnstown or Pickerington. TIF money isn't for making a road for the developer. TIF should pay for what's outside the development. Upgrade Vernonview Drive, using this money. He asked that Council vote for the TIF, but amend it. Amend so that no money is used for Arista Villas Drive, itself. Hillier wants responsible development. He said the City doesn't want Arista Villas doing to the City what it did to the last few cities. Compass Point

doesn't have a TIF. Why should Jerry Baker benefit from Mount Vernon building a road? That was the question Hillier asked Mayor Mavis, when a road was proposed that would benefit development.

Mahan asked if all funds for NCA/TIF have to be used inside the development?

Dooley responded that the short answer is no. NCA creates a charge that can be used outside the development. 2 mills go to City use. 8 mills go to the bonds of the infrastructure. The bond issuer is not the City. Usually a Port Authority. TIF funds may be used to benefit the parcel. It must be very clear that such a use is the case.

Gary Kester reported that he has lived in the City for twenty years. Mount Vernon is a great place, with good people. There is this disease that the City must grow. He has worked as a professional engineer all over the country, and seen this disease everywhere. There are already several housing developments underway. There will be a twenty percent increase in population over the next few years. Can Mount Vernon handle that level of growth? He has serious concerns about that. Consider the bigger picture of where the City is headed. The culture of Mount Vernon is worth preserving. Not in favor of this money being used to help the developer. If something is this complicated, it will be a problem in the future.

Jeff Dalp noted that the premise that we need more houses is eluding. Only two have sold at Liberty Crossing. A lot of projections for resident needs were based on Intel moving in. New owners will pay for this, one way or another. The original plan in 2023 was that the developer would build infrastructure to the City's specifications, and then the City would take it over. 100,000 cubic yards of dirt would be moved. 40 dirt movers will be needed per house. Roads are more than the \$3,000 the City gets. Does the City give them a check? Do they bid? How does the government pile get to the infrastructure? This seems like a co-mingling of funds.

Jacklin clarified that the City is not directly giving the developer money.

Dooley clarified that the money that is being used is from the additional charges. So, nothing from the general fund is being redirected. His firm is still working on the analysis for the maximum reimbursement. Formal certification is how the developer will submit requests to use funds for infrastructure improvements. If that is not true, they are open to litigation/fraud.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Jacklin, Chair
Land Use and Development Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 8/10/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Parks and Recreation
Hager, Jacklin
Category: Donation
Prepared By: Rob Boreren
Initiator: Tanner Salyers

RESOLUTION 2026-87

A RESOLUTION RENAMING SHELLMAR PARK IN HONOR OF JOHN FRANCIS.

WHEREAS, former Council Member John Francis was the driving force behind the creation of Shellmar Park; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to honor his service to the City of Mount Vernon and his commitment to his neighbors in the Second Ward.

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

SECTION 1: That Shellmar Park be renamed John Francis Community Park.

SECTION 2: That Council authorizes the placement of a sign at the site memorializing the former name of the park, Shellmar Park.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 08/24/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Ruckman, Miller
Category: Utilities
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Aaron Reinhart

RESOLUTION 2026-89

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and to gather needed funds for the City's Ohio EPA mandated upgrade of its wastewater treatment plant, 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 8/24/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Daniel Brinkman

RESOLUTION 2026-90

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 401.2500.55516 (Capital Improvement Fund – Public Buildings & Land) in the amount of \$70,000.00 (Unappropriated Fund Balance).
2. To account 401.3600.55511 (Capital Improvement Fund – Equipment) in the amount of \$130,309.00 (\$70,000 of this is unappropriated balance in the 401, the other \$60,309 is from a grant for which the City is already approved).

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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 8/24/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Daniel Brinkman

RESOLUTION 2026-91

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 Target Solutions Learning, LLC. in the amount of \$5,127.68 from line number 101.2320.54111 , General Fund – Human Resources – Services Received.

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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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SCHEDULED

Meeting: 8/24/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance & Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Tanner Salyers

RESOLUTION 2026-92

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) PACKAGE NO.2 FOR CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF THE MOUNT VERNON POLICE STATION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT A, PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon has determined that the construction of a new Mount Vernon Police Station is necessary to provide for the present and future public safety needs of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged Corna Kokosing Construction Company as the Construction Manager at Risk ("CMR") for the Project pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 9; and

WHEREAS, the City has retained Pizzuti Solutions, LLC as the Owner's Representative to provide project management, procurement oversight, cost review, and construction administration services; and

WHEREAS, the City has retained BKV Group as the Project Architect and Design Professional responsible for the preparation of plans and specifications and the coordination of design services; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2026-80, City Council previously authorized the Safety-Service Director to accept Guaranteed Maximum Price Package No. 1 for certain components of the Mount Vernon Police Station Project; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Manager, in consultation with Pizzuti Solutions and BKV Group, has completed the competitive procurement of certain trade packages and has submitted a Guaranteed Maximum Price ("GMP") Package No. 2 proposal covering the work identified in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the proposed GMP Package No. 2 has been reviewed by Corna Kokosing, Pizzuti Solutions, BKV Group, and City administration and is recommended as being in the best interest of the City to maintain the Project schedule, secure pricing, and authorize the commencement of construction activities associated with the identified work; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to authorize acceptance of GMP Package No. 2 identified herein.

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

SECTION 1: Council hereby authorizes the Safety-Service Director to accept Guaranteed Maximum Price Package No. 2 submitted by Corna Kokosing Construction Company for the portions of the Mount Vernon Police Station Project identified in Exhibit A, in an amount not to exceed \$ _____.

SECTION 2: GMP Package No. 2 authorized herein shall include only those scopes of work specifically identified in Exhibit A. Approval of this resolution shall not constitute approval of any future GMP packages or amendments unless separately authorized by Council.

SECTION 3: The Safety-Service Director, in consultation with Corna Kokosing Construction Company, Pizzuti Solutions, LLC, and BKV Group, is authorized to execute all documents necessary to implement the approved GMP, provided such documents are consistent with the Construction Manager at Risk Agreement and do not exceed the authorized Guaranteed Maximum Price.

SECTION 4: The City Auditor is authorized to certify and make payment from appropriated funds in accordance with the terms of the Construction Manager at Risk Agreement and applicable law.

SECTION 5: The Clerk of Council is authorized to attach Exhibit A identifying the approved trade packages, scope of work, applicable alternates, allowances, contingencies, and the Guaranteed Maximum Price approved by this Resolution.

SECTION 6: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any committees thereof that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason to allow the project to proceed as quickly as possible to begin construction while weather and market prices are favorable, 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2026-29

Meeting: 8/10/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee & Community Rel.
Keener, Ruckman
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Chad Christopher

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That the following positions are hereby authorized in the Mount Vernon Fire Department (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in strikethrough):

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Three Captains

Six Lieutenants

Not more than ~~34~~ **36** Firefighters and/or Firefighter/Paramedics

Not more than 25 Part-time Firefighter/EMTs

One Fire Marshall

One Community Risk Reduction Inspector

One EMS/Training Coordinator Lieutenant

Use of all above mentioned said personnel is authorized as required to meet the work demands of the Fire Department as appropriated.

SECTION 2: All ordinances which previously set the number of hourly employees in the Mount Vernon Fire Department are hereby repealed.

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 that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and further to allow the City to provide additional firefighters to protect the City and its residents at the earliest possible date, the 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2026-30

Meeting: 8/10/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance & Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Category
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Tanner Salyers

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE LEASING OF CITY VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, the Administration has reviewed the fiscal impacts of the City's fleet replacement needs and has determined that a structured fleet leasing program will assist the City in maintaining predictable long-term capital expenditures and operating costs; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that implementing a professionally managed fleet replacement program promotes sound financial planning by reducing unexpected capital costs, improving lifecycle management of municipal vehicles, and providing greater certainty in annual budget forecasting; and

WHEREAS, Council further finds that participation in a comprehensive fleet management program reduces the City's exposure to maintenance, reliability, and operational risks associated with aging vehicles while ensuring that City departments are equipped with safe and dependable transportation necessary to perform essential public services; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Fleet Management is a party to a cooperative purchasing contract with Sourcewell that was competitively procured and provides government agencies with fleet management and vehicle leasing services at favorable pricing and terms.

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

SECTION 1: The Safety-Service Director is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and execute, subject to approval as to form by the Law Director, an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the leasing and professional management of City vehicles through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program.

SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any committees thereof were conducted in meetings open to the public in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Ordinance 2026-31

Meeting: 8/24/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Ruckman, Miller
Category: Amendment
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Scott Zimmerman

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1305 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 1305.23 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be amended as follows (deletion is in ~~strikethrough~~):

1305.23 DUMPSTERS.

The owner of a **single or** multifamily residential ~~or commercial~~ property may elect to place a leak proof dumpster equipped with a lid on the exterior property; however, any such dumpster shall be enclosed on all four sides by a fence or wall that is at least five (5) feet tall, with an access door. Refuse shall not exceed the capacity of the dumpster.

SECTION 2: That Section 1305.28 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be amended as follows (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~):

~~Repairs, maintenance work, alterations or installations which are caused directly or indirectly by the enforcement of the Maintenance Ordinances shall be executed and installed in a workmanlike manner.~~

A. General Standards: All repairs, maintenance work, alterations, or installations required-either directly or indirectly—by the enforcement of this Code shall be executed in a skilled and professional manner in accordance with generally accepted trade practices.

B. Removal of Defects: Prior to the application of any finish or covering, all decayed, rotted, or structurally unsound materials shall be removed and replaced. Surface preparation shall be sufficient to ensure the durability and integrity of the repair.

C. Material Compatibility: Replacement materials shall be of similar quality, texture, grain, and dimension to those used in the original construction of the structure. All new work shall be integrated with existing surfaces to ensure a cohesive and uniform appearance.

SECTION 3: Any provision in legislation previously adopted which is in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and to establish update definitions in the City's Property Maintenance Code to allow it to be enforced as intended, 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor