



**City Council
Legislative Session**

Agenda

**September 28, 2026
7:30 PM**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
September 28, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
6:20 – 6:30 p.m.	Treasurer Report	Finance & Budget - Mahan
6:30 – 6:35 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-32 Repealing Chapter 511 False Alarms	Police, Fire, & Civil Defense - Miller
6:35 – 6:45 p.m.	Resolution 2026-96 ALPR (FLOCK) Contract	Police, Fire, & Civil Defense - Miller
6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-30 Enterprise Fleet Management	Finance & Budget - Mahan
6:55 – 7:05 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-31 Amend Chapters 1305.23 Dumpsters & 1305.28 Workmanship	Utilities - Ruckman
7:05 – 7:15 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-33 Public Works Employees	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Austin Beckett, Revive Church of Mount Vernon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

City Council Minutes September 14, 2026

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Budget Committee Minutes 2026-09-14a
Finance and Budget Committee Minutes 2026-09-14b
Land Use and Development Public Hearing Minutes 2026-09-14

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Aaron Hobart

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-96

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY’S USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE
PLATE READER TECHNOLOGY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

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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

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-32

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 511 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-33

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

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 23, 2026

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The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
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6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	Ordinance 2026-30 Enterprise Fleet Management	Finance & Budget - Mahan
6:55 – 7:00 p.m.	Resolution 2026-90 Supplemental Appropriations	Finance & Budget - Mahan
7:00 – 7:15 p.m.	Center Run Creek Footbridge on E Chestnut	Parks & Recreation - Hager

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, Public Utilities Director Aaron Reinhart, Maureen Hall, David Hall, Lydia Grimes, Nathan Hines, Fire Chief Christopher, Joshua Morrison, Bret Yutzy, Cheryl Splain, Myron Scott, Pastor Ben Driver, 9 others.

INVOCATION

Pastor Ben Driver, Mount Vernon Church of Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

City Council Minutes August 24, 2026

City Council Special Meeting Minutes September 7, 2026

Keener made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 24 and September 7 meetings of City Council. Severns seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition to Add Sidewalks Along Teryl Drive and Eastwood Drive, Received on August 24, 2026

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Budget Committee Report August 24, 2026

E-Bike Survey and Report August 24, 2026

Employee & Community Relations Committee Report August 24, 2026

Received without comment.

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Sallie Bowen (Flock Contract Termination)

Noted that she was happy to read that the City's Flock Contract may not be renewed. With regards to the contract, she put in a record request for the Flock Contract. Based on her reading of the contract, the City still has 9 months left on the contract. In Columbus, there are discussions about either bagging or taking down the cameras. In other towns where contracts have been terminated, Flock continues to record through the previously installed cameras. How will the City ensure that private information that has been collected since 2023 will be addressed? She put in a request for audit logs for the Flock Cameras. The request was denied for being overly proud. Will the public ever see the audit logs so that they know no malfeasance was done? Can police access information from private cameras?

Dave Serrino (ALPRs & Road Resurfacing)

Asked what can Law Enforcement do now with the cameras that they couldn't do before? Who funded the grants that funded the cameras in Mount Vernon. The issue of privacy cuts across party lines. Road maintenance: Venture Drive and E Chestnut were resurfaced. Yauger and Upper Gilchrist seem like they have never been resurfaced. Does the City have a resurfacing plan for the City's roads? If there is a plan, is it publicly available?

Aaron Stepp (Flock Cameras)

Asked if citizens are allowed to put trash bags on the Flock Cameras, noting that privacy is very important. Privacy is each person's right.

Mark Bowen (Public Service Reminder)

Noted that the speed limit on South Gay St. is 25 mph. At the last Council Meeting, someone pulled out of the parking lot, after Council, going far too fast.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

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

Mahan made a motion to amend RESOLUTION 2026-90 as presented in writing. Severns seconded. Amended by unanimous roll call vote. Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-90 to its third and final reading. Severns seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt as amended. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan noted that there had been a committee meeting earlier that day. He asked if there were any lingering questions. There were not. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt as Amended
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

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-93
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE
DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACT WITH HOLISTICALLY YOURZ LLC TO LEASE THE PROPERTY
WITH THE STREET ADDRESS OF 46 PUBLIC SQUARE; AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-93 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Severns noted that this is a lease that can be signed and start bringing in revenue, so it does not make sense to wait to approve it. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Mel Severns made a motion to adopt. James Mahan seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-94
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF
MAXWELL LEANING AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Amber Keener made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-94 to its third and final reading. John Ruckman seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Amber Keener made a motion to adopt. John Ruckman seconded. Mayor Starr noted that Maxwell Leaning is the newest member of the Area Development Foundation, and will fulfill the unexpired term of Julia Suggs from the Area Development Foundation. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
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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. 2026-95

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES IN THE POLICE 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 2026-95 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan noted that it is wise to dispose of these vehicles and bring in revenue. 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. 2026-96

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY'S USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER TECHNOLOGY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

Miller gave Resolution 2026-96 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on September 28.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-97

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 2026-97 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Brinkman noted that these transfers are connected to a Then & Now, and a vendor who is waiting 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. 2026-98

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 2026-98 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 noted that these funds were discussed during last budget's planning cycle, but weren't encumbered at that time. 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. 2026-26

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.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

Jacklin made a motion to adopt. Keener seconded. Jacklin noted that he did contact County organizations that would lose funds should this TIF go into effect. The Veterans' Association said that their funding is sufficient, even with the TIF going into effect. However, if every future development implements a TIF, it would negatively impact them. The Mayor noted that every project is different. One of these reasons to use these different financial incentive tools is to prevent the City from paying for unexpected infrastructure needs in the future and burdening the tax payers at large. Adopted by a roll call vote of 6-1, with Miller voting no.

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. 2026-29
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 made a motion to adopt. Ruckman seconded. 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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

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

Reading corrected from second to third.

Mahan made a motion to postpone Ordinance 2026-30 to September 28. Severns seconded.

Postponed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Ruckman gave Ordinance 2026-31 its second reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on September 28.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-32
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 511 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

Miller gave Ordinance 2026-32 its first reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on September 28.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-33
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener gave Ordinance 2026-33 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on September 28.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-34

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 1.519 ACRES,
PARCEL NUMBER 49-00510.000, FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP INTO THE
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES
TO THE ANNEXED PARCEL AND PROVIDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST
INCOMPATIBLE USES UNDER EXISTING TOWNSHIP ZONING; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

Taylor Jacklin made a motion to suspend the rules and take to its third and final reading. Amber Keener seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Jacklin noted that the reason for the suspension was due to ORC deadlines and regulations. Taylor Jacklin made a motion to adopt. Amber Keener seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Starr noted that the Pickleball Courts are under way at Riverside Park. Construction will start in 2027. The City has a salt contract for the year that is significantly more expensive than last year. The salt barn is also underway. Next Wednesday, at the Woodward, is a special screening of “Our Story: 200 Years,” a film from 2005, celebrating the history of Mount Vernon City. A free event. United Way kickoff is coming up. He would like to increase City participation in this. The United Way supports numerous programs in the City. The sustainability summit through MORPC is in October and there are seats available.

Safety Service Director Salyers noted that the City has taken into account feedback from the public on ALPR Technology. The City seeks to hold two things at the same time: tools for public safety, and the constitutional rights of the City’s citizens. Some of the larger questions regarding ALPR will need to be settled in larger courts and legislators. This piece of legislation allows the initial contract with Flock to expire on October 25th. There will then be a twelve-month moratorium on the technology. Both candidates for Governor of Ohio have expressed willingness to sign a ban on ALPRs. It is likely that the new assembly will address ALPRs, in some way. The City did explore additional guardrails for ALPR use, but that did not seem prudent given the work involved and the uncertain future of ALPRs. Original funding for the Flock grant came from the federal government. Renewal of such funding at the federal level is unlikely.

Treasurer David Stuller noted that he attended the 9/11 tribute last Friday. It was well done and meaningful.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Mel Severns: The City has a street plan. Yauger Rd. and Mansfield are on it. Repaving streets is expensive, and sometimes comes down to funding.

LeNan Hager: Thank you to everyone who participated in the 9/11 memorial service last Friday. It was beautiful, humbling, and extraordinary. We will never forget heroes and victims. Thank you to First Responders who offer their lives every day.

Taylor Jacklin: Yauger Rd. is on the list to get repaved. It was pushed back because of the issues with the Cattle Dam. The work

should be done next year. There is a publicly available plan for redoing the streets. Also, thank you to everyone who has made their opinions known. When local government hears you, they respond. He encouraged all citizens to continue to make their voices heard.

Jay Mahan: Budget season is approaching. Council, get with your departments, as needed. Massive projects are coming up, buildings need to be emptied and demolished, and capital expenditures will be thin. Sidewalks in multiple areas are needed, Yauger Rd. needs to be repaved. This is not an easy conversation, but a necessary one.

President Hawkins: The Wizard of Oz is phenomenal. He encouraged any who have not seen it, to go do so. Middle Earth March on Saturday. Graham Nash concert is coming up, as well, on October 8th.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Keener made a motion to adjourn. Severns seconded. Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council



2026-2027

Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes September 14, 2026 – 6:56 p.m. to 7:01 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
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk
Bret Yutzy, Enterprise Fleet Management

Res. 2026-90 Supplemental Appropriations

Brinkman noted that items 1 and 2 are shifting spending from the general fund to the 401. Item three uses stormwater funds to pay for Norton St. Project. 4 and 5 are for supplies. 6, 10, 11, and 12 releases funds previously appropriated by Council. 7 was for the Salt Barn. 8 and 9 were change orders for Hamtramck and Burgess.

Respectfully submitted,

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



2026-2027

Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes September 14, 2026 – 6:45 p.m. to 6:56 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:

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Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk
Bret Yutzy, Enterprise Fleet Management

Ordinance 2026-30 Contract with Enterprise Fleet Management

Brief provided from the Mayor (included in report).

Salyers clarified that this legislation does not preclude folding in MVFD and MVPD to the contract. But would not include fire engines or medics.

Bret Yutzy, Enterprise Fleet Management, noted that the advantage of Enterprise's services is that it reduces maintenance costs, improves life cycle, and creates savings for the City.

Mahan asked what would happen if the City ends the contract with all of its vehicles being leased.

Yutzy said that there are options for the City to purchase leased vehicles or sell them.

Jacklin and Hawkins raised concerns about the potential for police vehicles to be leased through this resolution without having to come back to Council.

Mahan noted that he will likely postpone the legislation to September 28 to explore amending the legislation, with a 10-minute committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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



2026-2027

**Land Use and Development Public Hearing Minutes
September 14, 2026 – 6:35 p.m. to 6:43 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
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk
Bret Yutzy, Enterprise Fleet Management

Annexation Process

The Lawd Director provided an overview of Annexation, which is the process where a parcel of property becomes part of the City. Annexed properties are still partly within their township for purposes of property taxes. Ordinance 2026-34 starts that process. This property is surrounded completely by other properties that are already in the City (have been previously annexed). A clock starts when a party initiates the annexation process, by Ohio Revised Code, based on that clock, the City has twenty days to respond to the annexation request (which means that response must be done today or at a special meeting of Council). This property is already connected to the network for water and wastewater. This legislation essentially says, “these are the services the City will provide, if we approve the annexation.” Then, the process goes to the Knox County Commissioners. It will then return to City Council for final approval, with a 180 day timeline. That final piece of legislation will include three readings and a public hearing. Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Jacklin, Chair
Land Use and Development Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
TJ/zs



2026-2027

**Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026 – 6:35 p.m. to 6:43 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
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk
Bret Yutzy, Enterprise Fleet Management

Center Run Footbridge Update

Safety Service Director Salyers provided a handout to Council.

Hager noted that a railing on the bridge failed, and Council will receive information regarding whether it is prudent to repair the bridge or not.

Salyers noted that the bridge is not up to current ADA standards. The City received a quote earlier in the year for a \$25,000 repair for the bridge. Salyers encouraged Council to maintain closure of the bridge, at this time, while the City receives feedback from the community and assesses the feasibility of repairing the bridge. Options include: removing the bridge. \$30–60k is likely the cost of removal. Option two: repair and reopen the bridge (\$25k). However, this would only add 3-10 years of life to the bridge, and is dependent on ODOT inspection and approval. Third option: replace the bridge, making it fully compliant. \$250-450k is the likely cost. For scale, that is about the size of the yearly sidewalk budget. Public input and foot traffic data would be helpful. 401 and 405 would probably be the funds that any potential project would come from. Jacklin noted that the footbridge is a walkway for children in an area where they do not have sidewalks. It is a beautiful spot to see the scenery of Center Run. Jacklin asked if it was possible to explore grants.

Salyers doubts that CDBG or Safe-Routes-To-School would award the project.

Hawkins asked if it would be possible to have ODOT to do a pre-check before work is done.

Keener asked the City Engineer in 2021 about this bridge, and was told it would be too expensive to pursue. One thing to keep in mind, is what this \$500k would take the place of.

Council and Administration will pursue conversations with the community, and more information will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

LeNan Hager, Chair
Finance & Budget
Mount Vernon City Council
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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 9/14/26 7:30 PM
Dept: Police, Fire, and Civil Defense
Miller, Hager
Category: Contract
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Tanner Salyers

RESOLUTION 2026-96

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY'S USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE
READER TECHNOLOGY; 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 authorized and directed to take all action necessary to permit the City's current contractual arrangement with Flock Group, Inc. (dba Flock Safety) concerning Automated License Plate Reader ("ALPR") cameras, software, data hosting, network access, and related services to expire according to its existing terms without renewal or extension.

SECTION 2: Beginning on the date of the expiration of the City's contract with Flock Group, Inc., and continuing for twelve months or until further action of this Council, the City shall not sign a contract to install ALPR cameras within the City or allow any other person or entity to install ALPR cameras on City property.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and to allow the City to legally terminate or non-renew its current contract with Flock Group, Inc., 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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

Ordinance 2026-32

Meeting: 9/14/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Fire, Police, and Civil Defense
Miller Hager
Category: Repeal
Prepared By: Zac Sherman
Initiator: Tanner Salyers

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 511 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, Chapter 511 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon was adopted by Ordinance 1987-04 on June 15, 1987 to regulate endemic false alarms which were hardwired into dispatch and required police response; and

WHEREAS, technological advancement and monitoring of the alarms by the property owner or a third-party limits police response to only those cases where there is an actual need; and

WHEREAS, after discussion, review, input from the Administration and further consideration, Council deems it acceptable and appropriate to repeal Chapter 511 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, State of Ohio in its entirety.

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

SECTION 1. That the entire Chapter 511 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, entitled False Alarms, as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, is hereby repealed.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

CHAPTER 511

False Alarms

- 511.01 Purpose.**
- 511.02 Definitions.**
- 511.03 Authority to install alarm.**
- 511.04 Alarms connected directly to the Police or Fire Department alarm panel.**
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- 511.06 False alarms.**
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- 511.12 Liability.**
- 511.13 Exceptions.**
- 511.99 Penalty.**

CROSS REFERENCES

Knowingly make a false alarm - see GEN. OFF. 509.07

511.01 PURPOSE.

Although an alarm system is important as a deterrent to unlawful entry, continued malfunctioning or employee error compromise the effectiveness of the system. Frequent response by the Police and Fire Departments to these false alarms is not only expensive, but it creates a risk of injury to the responding officer and others and a risk of damage to property. Based upon these considerations, the purpose of this chapter is to regulate alarm supplies, subscribers, and users.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.02 DEFINITIONS.

(a) "False alarm" means any security signal communicated to the Police Department or Department which is not in response to actual or attempted burglary, holdup, assault, unlawful entry, fire, or other bona fide emergency requiring immediate police or fire response. False alarms include negligently or accidentally activated signals; signals which are the result of faulty, malfunctioning or improperly installed or maintained equipment; signals which are the result of improperly installed, secured or maintained windows, doors or similar general areas of the building; and signals which are purposely activated to summon the Police or the Fire Department in nonemergency situations. False alarms shall not include signals willfully activated by security alarm subscribers or users upon good faith belief that an actual or attempted burglary, holdup, assault, unlawful entry, fire or other bona fide emergency is about to occur or when the cause has been proven to be an act of God.

(b) "Security alarm system" means any device or system which transmits a signal visibly, audibly, electronically, mechanically or by the combination of these methods to indicate actual or attempted burglary, holdup, assault, unlawful entry, fire, or other bona fide emergency at a premises requiring an immediate response to the emergency at a premises requiring an immediate response to the scene by the Police Department. Security alarm systems include, but are not limited to, devices activated automatically, such as holdup alarms, but shall not include telephone lines maintained and operated by public utilities under the regulation of the Public Service Commission over which such signals might be transmitted.

(c) "Subscriber" means any user who employs the services of a central alarm system.

(d) "User" means any persons owning and/or operating a security alarm system.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.03 AUTHORITY TO INSTALL ALARM.

Any residence, lawful business, church, school or other similar structure located within the City may be equipped with an emergency alarm for the purpose of detecting an unauthorized intrusion, or fire, upon compliance with this ordinance. Existing installations shall be subject to the requirements of this chapter, including those pertaining to permits.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.04 ALARMS CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT ALARM PANEL.

(a) A permit is required to be obtained by an authorized person of any business, church, school, or residential household, to connect installed equipment to the Police or Fire Departments emergency panel.

(b) The Safety Service Director or his authorized representative may issue a permit or permits for such connection upon proper application by the authorized person pursuant to Section 511.03.

(c) Connection to the police or fire emergency alarm panels shall be contingent upon the applicant having obtained permission from the company which maintains the alarm panel in the Police or Fire Departments to make such connections. Permission shall not be denied provided equipment is compatible, and provided charges are paid by said company, and provided a permit has been issued by the Safety-Service Director or his authorized representative.

(d) A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year shall be paid to the City for each permit, to be connected to the Police Department or the Fire Department alarm panel. Any charge, which remains unpaid thirty days after the date of invoice, shall result in cancellation of service.

(Ord. 2005-06. Passed 4-11-05.)

(e) Any alarm system may be used provided it is compatible with the alarm panel utilized by the Police Department or the Fire Department.

(f) Alarm fees for permits of subscribers and users are nonrefundable.

(g) Continued operation of any alarm system beyond thirty days of the permits expiration date shall be a violation of this chapter.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.05 LOCAL ALARMS.

(a) A local alarm is an alarm that is not connected to the Police or Fire emergency panels, and which, when activated sounds a horn, bell, buzzer or other type of audible alarm.

(b) A permit shall be required for the installation of a local alarm if the sound created by the alarm is audible beyond the premises served.

(c) The Safety-Service Director or his authorized representatives shall issue a permit for such an alarm upon proper application provided the intensity of sound does not exceed sixty-five decibels at any location outside the premises being served.

(d) A local alarm shall be equipped with a device which will reset or automatically disable itself after a thirty minute period of audible alarm.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.06 FALSE ALARMS.

(a) A charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed for the first false alarm received through local alarms, the Police Emergency Panel, the Fire Department Emergency Panel, or for a false alarm received on any other alarm service, which the city has been given permission to be installed. A charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed for the second false alarm received within a twelve (12) month period. A charge of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be assessed for the third false alarm received within a twelve (12)

month period. Such fee shall be assessed against the holder of the permit for the alarm, which was falsely activated.

(b) No fee will be assessed for any “false alarm” to which there is no response by the Police Department or the Fire Department, or when the cause of the “false alarm” is determined to be an act of God. (Ord. 2005-06. Passed 4-11-05.)

(c) Any charge for a false alarm which remains unpaid thirty days after the date of invoice shall result in cancellation of the permit and shall be a violation of this chapter. (Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.07 PERMIT AND FEES.

(a) The nonrefundable permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is the total permit fee, excluding any fees or costs as assessed by alarm manufacturers, suppliers, or installers, and shall be for that calendar year or the remainder of that calendar year, and shall cover the administrative costs. (Ord. 2005-06. Passed 4-11-05.)

(b) This fee shall be invoiced during the month of December for the permit to be in effect for the next calendar year. Any fees that remain unpaid thirty days after the date of invoice shall result in cancellation of the permit.

(c) Continued operation of any alarm system beyond the thirty days without a valid permit is in violation of this chapter. (Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.08 REVOCATION OF PERMITS.

(a) Failure to comply with any provision of this chapter may result in revocation of the subscriber's or user's permit.

(b) Grounds for revocation may be, but are not limited to:

(1) Failure to properly maintain an installation,

(2) When the number of false alarms for an installation exceeds five per calendar month or twenty per calendar year.

(c) The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall serve written notice upon the permit holder of intent to revoke the permit. Such notice shall be given not less than seven days prior to revocation. Such notice shall state the right of the permit holder to appeal to the Safety-Service Director within fourteen days from the date of the notice.

(d) If an appeal is filed in writing within fourteen days, the Safety-Service Director shall hold a hearing on the matter and shall render a decision on the basis of the facts presented. In the event no appeal is filed, the Chief of Police or his designee, shall transmit all pertinent information to the Safety-Service Director who shall cancel the permit.

(e) The permit holder may have an attorney present at the hearing if so desired. The administrative remedies must be exhausted before judicial procedures can begin.

(f) Upon revocation of the permit, the user or subscriber has twenty days to disconnect the alarm system or show good cause for an extension of this time to the Safety-Service Director.

(g) Operation of an alarm system or failure to disconnect an alarm system after revocation of the permit is in violation of this chapter. (Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.09 DUTIES OF ALARM SUBSCRIBERS OR USERS.

(a) It shall be the responsibility of alarm subscribers or users to instruct any employees or others who may have occasion to activate an alarm, that alarm systems are to be activated only in emergency situations to summon an immediate Police or Fire Department response. Alarm subscribers and users shall also instruct appropriate employees as to the operation of the alarm system; to include setting, activation and resetting of the alarm.

(b) Alarm subscribers and users shall be responsible for seeing that alarm systems are maintained in good working order and that defects that could cause false alarms are promptly repaired.

(c) Subscribers or users of security systems who have not contracted with a security alarm dealer for an alarm agent to respond to the scene of alarm activations shall indicate the telephone numbers of at least two responsible persons who are capable of deactivating and resetting the alarm system and of assisting the Police or the Fire Department to secure the premises, if necessary, and who may be notified by the Police Department or the Fire Department to respond to the scene. Such person or persons shall respond to the scene within one-half hour after being requested to do so by the Police or Fire Department, unless good cause is shown.

(d) No person shall install or maintain a security alarm system which does not have some safeguard which allows reasonable delay to halt or recall an accidental alarm activation before the alarm is communicated to the Police or Fire Departments for response to the scene.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.10 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) All equipment used in installations for which a permit is required shall meet the applicable standards of the Underwriters Laboratories and/or other recognized industry standard. Applicant may be required to submit evidence of the reliability and suitability of the equipment to be installed.

(b) The sensory mechanism used in connection with such devices must be adjusted to suppress false indications of fire or intrusion, so that the devices will not be actuated by impulses due to transient pressure change in water pipes, short flashes of light, wind noises such as the rattling or vibrating of doors or windows, vehicular noise adjacent to the installation or other forces unrelated to genuine alarms.

(c) Each permit application is to be accompanied by a copy of the operating instructions for the device.

(d) If any provision of this chapter is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provision.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.11 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Safety-Service Director or his authorized representative shall make and enforce such rules and regulations pursuant to this Chapter 511, for the enforcement of the provisions hereof, and for the proper determination and collection of the fees and charges herein provided.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.12 LIABILITY.

The issuance of any permit or permits in conjunction with this chapter shall not constitute acceptance by the City of any liability to inspect, maintain or repair equipment, to answer alarms or for any personal injury or property damage resulting in any way in connection with any alarm system(s).

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.13 EXCEPTIONS.

(a) This chapter shall not apply to the use of security alarm systems by law enforcement personnel for law enforcement purposes.

(b) This chapter shall not apply to security alarm systems installed in motor vehicles, boats or aircraft.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)

511.99 PENALTY.

In addition to being assessed for false alarms, whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(Ord. 1987-04. Passed 6-15-87.)



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SCHEDULED

Meeting: 9/14/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee & Community Rel.
Keener, Ruckman
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Tom Hinkle

ORDINANCE 2026-33

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

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

SECTION 1: That the following positions are hereby authorized as indicated (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~):

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

65 Public Works Crew Leaders
2 Public Works Traffic Signal Technician
Not more than **15** ~~13~~ Maintenance Workers
2 Customer Support Specialist II

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

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

SECTION 3: 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 adjust the number of employees in the Department of Public Works to efficiently and effectively carry out tasks assigned to the Department rather than contracting the work to outside companies, 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