

## **CITY OF MOUNT VERNON LAUNCHES LISTENING TOUR FOR NEW MUNICIPAL FACILITIES**

**Mount Vernon, December 6th, 2024** – The City of Mount Vernon is inviting residents to participate in a series of listening tour events to discuss the development of new municipal facilities, including a police station, a city hall annex, and a municipal court building (justice center).

These meetings aim to present the city's initial conceptual plans and gather public input to shape the project as it moves forward.

To ensure accessibility and inclusivity, the listening tour will be held at City Hall and in informal offsite locations, providing options for those who may feel more comfortable outside of government buildings. Meetings will also be scheduled at varying times to accommodate diverse schedules. For residents unable to attend in person, multiple online surveys will be available to capture feedback.

### **Listening Tour Schedule**

- **January Sessions:** Focus on the design, location, construction, and financing of the police station.
  - Public Meeting #1: Thursday, January 9th, 2025 at City Hall in Council Chambers from 6-7:30 PM.
  - Public Meeting #2: Saturday, January 18th, 2025, at Happy Bean Coffee Shop from 9-10:30 AM.
  - Public Meeting #3: Thursday, January 23rd, 2025, at City Hall in Council Chambers from 6-7:30 PM.
- **February Sessions:** Discussions will continue on the design, location, construction, and financing of the City Hall Annex.
  - Public Meeting #1: Thursday, February 6th, 2025 at City Hall in Council Chambers from 6-7:30 PM.
  - Public Meeting #2: Thursday, February 20th, 2025, at City Hall in Council Chambers from 6-7:30 PM.
  - Public Meeting #3: Friday, February 28th, 2025, at Happy Bean Coffee Shop from 9-10:30 AM.
- **March Sessions:** The conversation will center on the design, location, construction, and financing of the Court House (Justice Center).
  - Public Meeting #1: Thursday, March 6th, 2025 at City Hall in Council Chambers from 6-7:30 PM.
  - Public Meeting #2: Saturday, March 15th, 2025, at Happy Bean Coffee Shop from 9-10:30 AM.
  - Public Meeting #3: Thursday, March 20th, 2025, at City Hall in Council Chambers from 6-7:30 PM.

*"We value the voices of our community members and recognize the importance of their input in shaping these essential facilities," said Mayor Matt Starr. "The listening tour is a critical step in ensuring these projects meet the needs of our residents and reflect the values of Mount Vernon. The services to be provided in these spaces will be something our current and future generations can provide the citizenry with greater effectiveness and also be something to be proud of."*

For more information about the listening tour, the projects, or other updates, please contact the Safety Service Office at [questions@mountvernonohio.org](mailto:questions@mountvernonohio.org) or 740.393.9520.



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