The data used to populate this graph comes directly from the city. I FOILED the info.
Even if the bulk of new positions are paid for by outside grants and ARPA pandemic funding, it's a bad idea to take on so many people so fast for a couple of reasons:

1. More people=more problems. Unless an organization has a strong operations management plan, and a documented track record of executing that plan, adding this many employees to the system at once is just inviting problems, and solving problems costs money. Does our city government have a strong operations management plan and a documented track record of executing that plan?
2. Hiring people is fun, firing employees is not. Will grant funded positions be cut when the grants run out, or will local taxpayers be asked to pick up the costs?

City of Mount Vernon

Number of Employees (full & part-time)

Total Salary Costs

Year	Number of Employees	Total Salary Costs
2020	998	$51,028,858
2021	1196	$52,775,917
2022	1361	$58,338,884