



Minutes
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting
Regular Meeting
Friday, January 16, 2026
10am

Board of Aldermen Chambers

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved by the Board

1. Call to Order

President Green called the meeting to order at 10am and directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

2. Roll Call

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following members answered to their names: Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **10 members were present. A quorum was established.**

The following members joined the meeting while it was in progress making a total of 13 members present: Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, and Ms. Sonnier

3. Opening Reflection or Prayer

President Green recognized Executive Pastor Anthony L. Riley with Central Baptist Church and inaugural member of the St. Louis City Charter Commission to lead the members in the opening and reflection

Pastor Riley led the members in an opening reflection/prayer.

4. Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to suspend the rules in order to Introduce Resolution Numbers 217, 218, & 219.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to suspend the rules in order to Introduce Resolution Numbers 217, 218, & 219.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Numbers 217, 218, & 219.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 11 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following voted Present:
None

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
Mr. Cohn & Ms. Sonnier. **2 members were present at the meeting but was not in the Chamber during the roll call and therefore did not cast a vote.**

A total of 11 votes were cast. The motion carried.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to place Resolution Numbers 217, 218, & 219 at the end of the Courtesy Resolutions.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.
President Green invited Ms. Keys to the dais.

At the dais Ms. Keys asked that Resolution Number 218 be read.

The Associate Clerk read Resolution Number 218 in its entirety.

Pastor Riley joined Ms. Keys at the dais.

Ms. Keys discussed Resolution Number 218. Other members speaking included Ms. Cox-Antwi & Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to place Resolution Number 218 Enbanc.

Seconded by Ms. Velázquez.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to place Resolution Number 218 Enbanc.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Pastor Riley spoke and thanked the members for Resolution Number 218.

President Green paused the meeting so that members could take a photo with Pastor Riley.

President Green resumed the meeting after the photo.

Adoption of the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to adopt to Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Introduction of Honored Guests

President Green directed the meeting to the Introduction of Honored Guests.

Mr. Aldridge recognized his honored guest, Ray Samuel who was sitting in the gallery.

Ms. Keys recognized as her honored guest members of Central Baptist Church

6. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings

President Green recognized Ms. Clark- Hubbard on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Friday, January 9, 2026, Full Board meetings.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, January 9, 2026, Full Board meetings.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, January 9, 2026, Full Board meetings.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Report of City Officials

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Report of City Officials.

The Associate Clerk read the following:

a) Report of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

The following Board Bills from the 2025-2026 Legislative Session were Third Read and Finally Passed by the Board, signed by the President and delivered to the Mayor for their signature pursuant to law. The list below shows the Bill Number, Name of the Sponsor, the Description of the Board Bill and Date Delivered:

Board Bill Number 92

Floor Substitute

Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus

An ordinance temporarily closes Ouida Avenue between E. Clarence and Pose at both ends of the Ouida and temporarily close Pope Avenue between Ouida and North Broadway 100 feet north of the north curb line of Pope and North Broadway, containing an emergency clause.

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b.) Office of the Mayor

None.

c.) Office of the President

None

8. Petitions and Communications

None.

9. Board Bills for Perfection, Informal Calendar

Board Bill Number 34

As Amended in Committee

Introduced by Alderwoman Laura Keys

An ordinance directing the Director of Streets to install speed humps pursuant to **Ordinance Number 70333** as amended by **Ordinance Number 71394** to calm the flow of traffic on the 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500 and 4600 blocks of Lee Avenue.

Board Bill Number 51

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer

Pursuant to **Ordinance Number 70333** as amended by **Ordinance Number 71394**, an ordinance directing the Director of Streets to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic in the first ward.

Board Bill Number 25

Committee Substitute

As Amended in Committee

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

Cosponsor: President Megan Green

An ordinance (the “Ordinance”) amending Title 18 - Airports and Aviation Code, of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, to add a new chapter pertaining to car rental operations at St. Louis Lambert International Airport and containing a severability clause.

10. Board Bills for Third Reading, Informal Calendar

Board Bill Number 59

Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service vacating a portion of air rights for a 15 foot section of Taylor, south of Children's Place, adjacent to City Blocks 3970 and 4781-S in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Board Bill Number 83

Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning

Cosponsor: Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An Ordinance establishing a sales tax reimbursement account in support of the project located at 3942 Laclede Avenue, approving a Development and Performance Agreement related to such project and authorizing execution thereof.

11. Resolutions, Informal Calendar

Resolution Number 205

Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderman Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman Shane Cohn, Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Jamie Cox-Antwi, Alderman Michael Browning, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman Laura Keys, Alderwoman Pamela Boyd, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge
Ordering a Special Election for the office of the Sheriff.

President Green asked if any member wanted to take a Board Bill or Resolutions off any of the Informal Calendars.

There was no request

12. First Reading of Board Bills

None.

13. Reference to Committee of Board Bills

None.

14. Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees Calendar.

The Associate Clerk read the following:

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee Report

Ms. Clark-Hubbard of the Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

Board of Aldermen Committee Report January 16, 2026.

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee, to which the following Board Bill was referred, reports that it reviewed this Board Bill on Tuesday, January 12, 2026 and have discharged it with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:

Board Bill Number 107

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance approving the “Petition to Amend and Restate the Petition to Establish 1100 Washington Avenue Community Improvement District by, among other things, Altering the Boundaries of the 1100 Washington Avenue Community Improvement District and Clarifying the Project” (the “*Amended Petition*”); and containing a severability clause.

Board Bill Number 120

Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning

An Ordinance establishing a sales tax reimbursement account in support of the project located at 3942 Laclede Avenue, approving a Development and Performance Agreement related to such project and authorizing execution thereof.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

**Alderswoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard
Committee Chair**

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee Report

Mr. Browning of the Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

Board of Aldermen Committee Report January 16, 2026

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee, to which the following Board Bills were referred, reports that it reviewed these Board Bills on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 and have discharged them with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:

Board Bill Number 115

Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning

An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, appropriating funds totaling Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) from those received into the City's Capital fund pursuant to **Ordinance Number 60419** as amended by **Ordinance Number 61250** representing a portion of the one-half of the operating balance of the General Fund from the preceding fiscal year for the purposes of funding capital maintenance and improvements to the City's flood wall as hereinafter detailed and containing an emergency clause.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

**Alderman Michael Browning
Committee Chair**

Health and Human Development Committee Report

Ms. Boyd of the Health and Human Development Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

Board of Aldermen Committee Report January 16, 2026

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Health and Human Development Committee, to which the following Board Bill was referred, reports that it reviewed this Board Bill on Thursday, January 15, 2026 and have discharged it with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:

Board Bill Number 124

Introduced by Alderwoman Sonnier

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to enter in the FY 2024 State Crisis Intervention Program Subaward Agreement and to accept funds awarded; appropriating said funds in the amount of up to Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$255,115.69); and authorizing the Department of Health to expend the appropriated funds for allowed purposes; and containing an emergency clause.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

Committee Chair

15. Report of Special Committees

None

16. Board Bills for Perfection – Consent Calendar

None.

17. Board Bills for Perfection Calendar

None.

18. Report of Engrossment

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Report of Engrossment.

The Associate Clerk read the following report.

Report of Engrossment

Board of Aldermen Committee Report January 16, 2026

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

Ms. Velázquez of the Legislation and Rules Committee, which is responsible for engrossment and to which the following Board Bills were referred, reports that it has considered the same and that they are truly engrossed.

Board Bill Number 116

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Airport Commission, and Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the Comptroller of The City of St. Louis, owner and operator of the St. Louis Lambert International Airport, to enter into and execute the “First

Amendment to First Amendment to News/Gift Specialty Retail Concession Agreement AL-212,” originally authorized by Ordinance Number 69270, between the City and HG-St. Louis JV; and containing a severability clause.

Board Bill Number 117

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Airport Commission, and Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the Comptroller of The City of St. Louis, owner and operator of the St. Louis Lambert International Airport, to enter into and execute the Second Amendment to Electronics Retail Concession Agreement (AL-214), authorized by Ordinance Numbers 70144 and 71579, between the City and HG-St. Louis JV, II; and containing a severability clause.

Board Bill Number 118

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Airport Commission, the Comptroller, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, making findings respecting the transfer of a maximum of Thirteen Million Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$13,727,769) of excess moneys that The City of St. Louis (the “City”), the owner and operator of St. Louis Lambert International Airport (the “Airport”), intends to transfer from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to the Airport Revenue Fund during fiscal year 2026, to mitigate rates on an annual basis during the term of the Airport Use and Lease Agreement commencing July 1, 2016; containing a severability clause.

Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez

Chair of the Committee

19. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent Calendar.

The Associate Clerk read the following:

Board Bill Number 116

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Airport Commission, and Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the Comptroller of The City of St. Louis, owner and operator of the St. Louis Lambert International Airport, to enter into and execute the “First Amendment to First Amendment to News/Gift Specialty Retail Concession Agreement AL-212,” originally authorized by Ordinance Number 69270, between the City and HG-St. Louis JV; and containing a severability clause.

Board Bill Number 117

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Airport Commission, and Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the Comptroller of The City of St. Louis, owner and operator of the St. Louis Lambert International Airport, to enter into and execute the Second Amendment to Electronics Retail Concession Agreement (AL-214), authorized by Ordinance Numbers 70144 and 71579, between the City and HG-St. Louis JV, II; and containing a severability clause.

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President Green recognized Mr. Cohn.

Mr. Cohn asked that Board Bill Number 118 be placed on the Informal Calendar.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to place Board Bill Number 118 on the Informal Calendar.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills Consent Calendar.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent Calendar.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 12 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 12 votes were cast. The motion carried.

20. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills

None

21. Report of Finally Passed Board Bills and Signage by the President

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Report of Finally Passed Board Bills and Signage by the President Calendar.

The Associate Clerk Read the following:

Report of Finally Passed Board Bills

Board Bill Number 116

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

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President Signs Board Bills

In open Session and without objections, President Green signed all Third Read and Finally Passed Board Bills to the end that they might become law.

22. First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees

None.

23. Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions

The Associate Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 194 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
2026-2027 ASSESSMENT MAINTENANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Assessor of the City of St. Louis has completed its reassessment of all real and personal property located in the City of St. Louis as required by state statute and the State Tax Commission of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, section 137.115 R.S.Mo. Provides for the maintenance of updated assessments on an ongoing basis pursuant to an assessment and equalization maintenance plan adopted by the local assessor; and

WHEREAS, under and by the authority of section 137.115 R.S.Mo., the governing body of the City of St. Louis is required to approve such assessment and equalization maintenance plan for the maintenance of updated assessments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed maintenance plan for the City of St. Louis for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, Attachment A, has been prepared and is available for public inspection by the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the assessment and equalization maintenance plan prepared by the Assessor is hereby approved as required by law.

Introduced this 12th day of December, 2025 by:
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward

President Green Recognized Ms. Schweitzer on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute.

Ms. Schweitzer made the motion to adopt Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute.

Seconded by Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

Ms. Schweitzer spoke on the Resolution.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

24. Courtesy Resolutions

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Associate Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 216 HONORING MATTIE RUTH CARPENTER

WHEREAS, Mattie Ruth Carpenter was born January 15, 1942 to the union of Winston Carson and Hattie (Mabrey) Carson. Both parents proceeded her in death. Mattie was the eldest of five sisters Joyce Carson, Sandra McKinney, Winston and Cleanoy Carson whom all proceeded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Mattie was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools system and graduated from Sumner High School. After graduating high school, she met and married Robert Carpenter who also proceeded her in death.

In that union three children were born, Angela the oldest and twins Antoinette and Antonio. Antonio proceeded her in death. Years later she gave birth to her baby boy Armond who also proceeded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Mattie worked for the Division of Family Services where she started out as a Social Worker and later becoming a Hotline Investigator. She retired from there after 30 years of services to care for her mom. Mattie also worked for McDonnell Douglas for 10 years and the St. Louis Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mattie confessed her life to Christ at a very young age. After moving her family to Berkeley, Missouri Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. John Mitchell, Sr. Mattie served as the Announcing Clerk and Junior Usher Board Leader. She was very active in the church; and

WHEREAS, Mattie was a volunteer for the 27th Ward of Walnut Park. She hosted block parties, fed the neighborhood distributing food baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas. She was dedicated to her community and stellar to the community. Mattie was a strong outstanding community advocate for the Ferguson Florissant School District. Mattie was a very active at the YMCA. She was a member of the AOA group where she organized trips, luncheons and fashion shows. Mattie enjoyed life. She truly enjoyed thrifting, shopping at J.C. Penny's, and most of all she enjoyed gardening; and

WHEREAS, Mattie loved music, dancing, going to the movies, out to eat and walking outdoors for exercise. Her special enjoyment was spending time with her family. Mattie loved her family dearly and she was the go-to person whenever problems arose, she was there; and

WHEREAS, cherishing her precious memories are here two daughters Angela and Antoinette (Lawerence). Ten grandkids, Alea, Aunyea (Angel) who proceeded her in death, Aromoni, Akya, Aubrey, Anya, Armond, Jr., Auhree and Armari, with four great grandchildren Austin, Alaysia, Alijah and Aiden, host of nieces and nephews, and her very special niece Allison and friends who loved her dearly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, honor, and celebrate the life and legacy of Mattie Ruth Carpenter. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to the family by the sponsor.

Introduced this 16th Day of January 2026 by:
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman of the 13th Ward

The following Resolutions were filed after the deadline to be officially on this agenda and were added from the floor by a vote of the members.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 217 HONORING FRANCHOT SHAWN O'NEAL

WHEREAS, Franchot Shawn O'Neal was born on May 19, 1966 to proud parents, Carol O'Neal & Frank Fort in St. Louis, Missouri. He was his mother's only child and the absolute apple of her eye and inspiration for her determination and drive to be an exceptional example of good character, faith and integrity for him; and

WHEREAS, Franchot credited his mother and grandmother for introducing him to the teachings of Christianity at young age. He was raised in Bethesda Temple Church where he was baptized and taught the way of salvation. Franchot was a

deeply spiritual man who lived God's spiritual principles in his daily life through kindness, compassion, charity, gratitude, and love shown to others by practicing his faith in courageous ways the average individual may not understand; and

WHEREAS, a true son of St Louis, Franchot "Thrill" O'Neal was a legend in many neighborhoods particularly Walnut Park. He left his imprint on the Northside, Westside, Downtown, in The Ville, University City, multiple St. Louis Counties, and on the Eastside. He had many friends and was popular in his neighborhood with his peers and elders. His charm and helpful nature made others love him in the community; and

WHEREAS, Franchot was taught by his mother to always take care of family and to love his brothers and sisters which extend far beyond blood family, he took his role seriously as a protector and provider if the situation required it. Affectionately, called Thrill by his extended family, Franchot always willingly stepped-up to help and often filled some very big shoes. When any of his family called on him. **THEY KNEW HE WAS COMING.** He was taught that the love of family was only second to the Love of God. He lived by those words throughout his entire life; and

WHEREAS, Franchot was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools and was a proud graduate of Northwest High School's Class of 1981. His popularity sky-rocketed in high school once he took to the football field. He was an excellent athlete and represented Northwest well. He embodied the Blue Devil spirit and he loved all things Northwest. So much so, Franchot O'Neal gathered his Blue Devil comrades and formed the Northwest High School Alumni Association over 16 years ago. He later formalized the association as a 501c3 and served as the first and only Board President. Under his leadership the Northwest Alumni Legacy Scholarships and the William Baldwin Scholarship of Excellence were created. Throughout his tenure he supported athletic programs at Northwest and the Northwest Academy of Law and coordinated many efforts to maintain the unity and camaraderie of Northwest Alumni such as the Northwest Alumni Weekend which is by far the most anticipated celebration of Blue Devil Nation. Thanks to his vision, Blue Devils everywhere can be easily identified by the branded gear he has designed and co-designed as he passionately served his Northwest family with love and he was deeply loved by Northwest Alumni; and

WHEREAS, Franchot went on to attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale where he played football and enjoyed the social aspects of college. Franchot's presence was felt the moment he walked in a room, he was a light and a force on campus. He had the capacity and gift of making everyone feel extra special and as if they had a front row seat in his life. He built relationships and often connected people who would not have otherwise met. It was this trait that attracted him to join the brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi - Omicron Theta Chapter's Spring 1986 Furious Fine +1 Line. He lived true to the Brotherhood and labored in service to his community for 40 years. He loved Omega Psi Phi and the principles on which it was formed. He lived to uplift others and it showed in all his actions. Franchot earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Administrative Justice; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation Franchot returned to St. Louis and began Thrill Entertainment party and entertainment promotions. He was admired and respected throughout St. Louis for promoting great shows with various artist and comedians such as Whodini, Kool Moe Dee, New Edition, Joe Torry, Earthquake, and many more. He had a reputation of playing hard, and working harder. He gave 100 percent in everything he did which birthed the entrepreneur, the businessman, and the leader everyone loved. He always helped others and never felt like it would hurt him, because he knew GOD wouldn't let him or his family go without and he did everything with his famous smile; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Franchot earned an opportunity to serve St. Louis as a Firefighter with the St. Louis City Fire Department. He was a well-respected and decorated Firefighter for 33 years. Some remember Franchot's heroic efforts throughout the years, but none more than in 2019 when he suffered a traumatic injury during a home rescue in North St. Louis. He was a "Hometown hero" and exceptional role model and often expressed feeling blessed to be able to combine his desire to help people with his love for St. Louis in addition, to being a loving example for his daughters that you can serve God in a number of ways if you apply yourself and stand on your faith; and

WHEREAS, Franchot embraced fatherhood with his whole heart. And although his journey as a father began in his late teens, he was determined to show the strength and courage of a "Good Man" and a "Strong Provider" for his daughters. He relished in being a "Girl Dad". They turned him from football player into cheerleader. He rallied behind his daughters' every success and he showed up physical, emotionally, and financially to support them at all times. He admired their

individual personalities and lovingly coached them towards reaching their full potential and being their best selves. He did not play about any of his children and he absolutely adored watching his grandchildren grow and develop their cheerful personalities and spoiling them was his guilty pleasure as it had been with his own children; and

WHEREAS, Franchot took pride in having raised college graduates, extraordinary mothers, wives, and young women who believe in GOD. He had no problem bragging on his daughter's accomplishment and was simply grateful to GOD for allowing him to see them to an age where they could take care of themselves and their children (HIS LEGACY). He ALWAYS referred to them as his heartbeats and he had many hopes of watching them live out their lives, however GOD's plans are greater and on January 3, 2026 Franchot "Thrill" O'Neal answered the call for an angel to come home. His will be sorely missed by all who love him.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, honor, and celebrate the life and legacy of Franchot Shawn O'Neal. We further direct The Clerk to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to the family by the sponsor.

Introduced this 16th day of January 2026 by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

Cosponsors:

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st

The Honorable Matthew Devoti, Alderman 5th Ward

The Honorable Daniella Velazquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7th Ward

The Honorable Jami Cox-Antwi, Alderwoman 8th Ward

The Honorable Michael Browning, Alderman 9th Ward

The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward

The Honorable Pam Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward

The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 218

HONORING CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAINT LOUIS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 180TH ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING ITS HISTORIC LEGACY, SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION, AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church of Saint Louis was founded on March 22, 1846, by twenty-three free-born and enslaved Africans separated from First African Baptist Church, and stands today as the region's second-oldest African American church, maintaining a steadfast presence in the City of St. Louis for nearly 180 years; and

WHEREAS, from its earliest days, Central Baptist Church has stood at the intersection of faith and action, advancing education, justice, and community care while providing spiritual refuge and practical support to individuals and families across St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church affirms that its ministry from 1846 to the present is rooted in the belief that every individual is called to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, a foundational faith commitment guiding its worship, discipleship, and service across generations; and

WHEREAS, early pastor Reverend John Richard Anderson, a conductor on the Underground Railroad, embodied Central’s earliest commitment to liberation and justice by operating a clandestine steamboat-based Freedom School that transported Black children to Illinois for education in defiance of unjust laws in Missouri, and by serving as spiritual advisor to Harriet and Dred Scott during their courageous pursuit of freedom; and

WHEREAS, enslaved congregant Harriet Robinson Scott worshiped at Central (then 8th Street Baptist), and the Scotts’ decade-long legal struggle—supported in part by Reverend Anderson’s counsel—advanced through Missouri courts and reached the United States Supreme Court in the 1857 *Dred Scott v. Sandford* decision, one of the most consequential rulings in American constitutional history; and

WHEREAS, through early and successive pastoral leadership extending into the early twentieth century, including Reverend Jesse F. Boulden, Reverend William H. White, Reverend Simon P. Anderson, Reverend John L. Cohron, and Reverend George E. Stevens, Central Baptist Church advanced Black education, ministry training, social stability, and ministries serving the sick, poor, orphaned, and elderly; and

WHEREAS, as the congregation grew in membership and influence, the church evolved in name and location, becoming Second African Baptist Church, then 8th Street Baptist Church, and in 1885 adopting the name Central Baptist Church with the dedication of a new sanctuary at 23rd and Morgan (now Delmar Boulevard); and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church helped establish and strengthen institutions shaping civic life, including the Ladies’ Missionary Circle, Pine Street YMCA, Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, Annie Malone’s Children Home, and supported the development of Vashon and Sumner High Schools; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church holds a distinguished place in the Civil Rights Movement, having hosted Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 10, 1957, and strengthened by the leadership of longtime pastor Reverend Dr. Thomas E. Huntley, a theology classmate and fellow Morehouse College alumnus of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, after the destruction of its sanctuary by fire in 1971, the congregation rebuilt its church debt-free by 1975, and in 2021 was designated a City of St. Louis Landmark by the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church is guided by a transformative Vision to cultivate a community of intergenerational disciples who embody Christ’s teachings, and by its enduring Motto, “*Making Disciples...Transforming Lives*,” which together shape its worship, discipleship, outreach, and community impact; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Anthony L. Riley, Central Baptist Church continues to be a force for social advocacy and economic empowerment, inspiring disciples to turn faith into action through intentional support of Black-owned businesses within the City of St. Louis, including the launch of an ongoing Black Buyout initiative beginning with church-wide caravans to the City’s only Black-owned gas service station and only Black-owned pharmacy, reviving the Rites of Passage program, strengthening digital discipleship during the COVID-19 pandemic, and providing meals and critical disaster relief following the May 16, 2025 tornado; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church served as a City of St. Louis polling place for more than one hundred years and continues efforts to restore full accessibility to regain that designation as a trusted civic resource; and

WHEREAS, at Central Baptist Church, history lives in action, as worship, service, and advocacy continue to reflect the bold and courageous vision of its founders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, that we honor and commend Central Baptist Church of Saint Louis for its extraordinary 180-year legacy of faith, leadership, resilience, and service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen celebrates Central Baptist Church's 180th Anniversary and its enduring contributions to the spiritual, cultural, civic, and educational life of the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall prepare an official copy of this Resolution for presentation to Central Baptist Church in recognition of its historic and ongoing contributions to the City of St. Louis.

Introduced this 16th Day of January 2026 by:

The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman of the 11th Ward

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Megan Green, Board of Aldermen President

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward

The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 2nd Ward

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3rd Ward

The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 4th Ward

The Honorable Matt Devoti, Alderman 5th Ward

The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7th Ward

The Honorable Jamie Cox-Antwi, Alderwoman 8th Ward

The Honorable Michael Browning, Alderman 9th Ward

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 219
HONORING MS. IRENE HUGHES**

WHEREAS Irene Hughes was born July 29,1934 in St. Louis, Missouri to the union of Earl Sr & Virginia Wilson and accepted Christ at an early age under the Catholic Religious Teaching; and

WHEREAS Irene was a member of the St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church where she remained a member until her final days and her church members made sure to visit, pray with her, and bring her Holy Communion while she was homebound; and

WHEREAS Irene was educated in St. Louis Catholic Schools. She graduated from St. Joseph Girls School at the age of sixteen. Irene began her work career working for various hospitals in the City of St. Louis. She would later obtain her License as an LPN. She was so proud of her accomplishment. She continued working serving the people in the community clinics in St. Louis. Everyone loved Ms. Irene, and most importantly Ms. Hughes loved her job; and

WHEREAS Irene was married to William "Worm" Hughes and to this union four children were born: Deborah Hughes, Valerie Fleming Harshaw (Tyrone), William Anthony Hughes (Edna), and Vanessa Hughes; and

WHEREAS Irene or "Ms. Irene" as she was affectionately called, was truly the life of the party. She was known as the nurse/doctor in the neighborhood always willing to care for those in need. The doors on Lovejoy Lane were always open to "The Village" in Carr Square Neighborhood. She was a softball coach, an uber driver taking her coworkers to and from work, and a hair stylist on the weekends with the soulful sound of Frank Sinatra blasting on the stereo; and

WHEREAS Irene was an avid BINGO player, traveling here and there to play the game she loved so much. Picking and dreaming numbers was another one of her pastimes; she had high hopes to one day strike it big and make it to "Lucky Town" to claim her winnings; and

WHEREAS God welcomed Irene Hughes peacefully into his loving arms on Monday, January 12, 2026 in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loved ones. She leaves to cherish a lifetime of memories with her daughters Deborah Hughes & Vanessa Hughes, Grandchildren Dannie Hughes, Larry Hughes (Carrie), William "Tony" Hughes, and Debbie Fleming, Great-grandchildren, Great-Great- Grandchildren, and her baby brother Charles "Bo Bo" Wilson, as well as many more extended relatives and friends who will miss her dearly. Although she only birthed four children, she was "Mother Irene" to many including Yolanda Carr. As the story goes, we all know that Ms. Irene loved and lived her life to the fullest-she did it "My Way".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the city of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, honor, and celebrate the life and legacy of Irene Hughes. We further direct the clerk of this board of aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to the family by the sponsor.

Introduced this 16th day of January 2026 by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

The Courtesy Resolutions Calendar was adopted under the Special Order of the Day.

25. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business
None

26. Announcements
President Green directed the Associate Clerk to Announcements.

The Associate Clerk read the following:

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY-OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
HUDZ MEETING-11AM KENNEDY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTION-3:30PM-KENNEDY ROOM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT-9AM-WEBINAR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

FULL BOARD MEETING-10AM-CHAMBERS

27. Excused Aldermen

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to excuse.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to excuse Ms. Boyd and Ms. Tyus for necessary absence

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to excuse Ms. Boyd and Ms. Tyus for necessary absences.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

28. Adjournment

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the adjournment motion.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting under rules until Friday, January 23, 2026, at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adjourn the meeting under rules until Friday, January 23, 2026, at 10am in the Chambers.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44am.

Minutes Submitted by:

Sharita Rogers

Assistant Clerk of the Board of Aldermen