



Minutes
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting
Sine Die
Monday, April 20, 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 10:00am 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. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **8 members were present. A quorum was established.**

The following members joined the meeting while it was in progress making a total of 14 members present: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Mr. Browning, and Ms. Keys

3. Opening Reflection or Prayer

President Green recognized the Vice President of the Arab Cultural Center in St. Louis, Dr. Mahir, to lead the members in the opening reflection/prayer,

Dr. Mahir led the members in the reflection/prayer.

4. Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day

President Green invited Mr. Devoti and his guest to the dais for the purpose to present Resolution Number 281.

Mr. Devoti discussed Resolution Number 281. Other members speaking included Mr. Cohn, Ms. Schweitzer, and President Green.

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

President Green resumed the meeting after the photo.

5. Introduction of Honored Guests

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Friday, March 20, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Mr. Aldridge moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, March 20, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, March 20, 2026 Full Board meeting

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. 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 119

As Amended on the Floor

Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus

Plan dated September 23, 2025 for the 8111 North Broadway Area.

Delivered: Friday, March 20, 2026

Board Bill Number 155

Introduced by Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi

Cosponsors: Alderman Rasheen Aldridge/Alderwoman Laura Keys/Alderman Michael Browning/Alderman Shane Cohn/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An ordinance approving the petition establishing the Downtown St. Louis Sports And Entertainment Community Improvement District as a political subdivision to remediate blight and encourage redevelopment within the area generally bounded by Cole and Carr Streets to the North, the Mississippi River to the East, Interstate 64 to the South, and Jefferson Avenue to the West ; authorizing the issuance of obligations with maturities of up to twenty years ; appointing a seven-member Board of Directors ; and mandating the submission of annual budgets and performance reports to the City Register and the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Delivered: Friday, March 20, 2026

Board Bill Number 66 Committee Substitute

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier/Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance amending Chapter 3.160 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis by establishing definitions and criteria for the impact assessment of redevelopment projects as required by Section 3.160.030(a)i)e; including a severability clause.

Delivered: Friday, March 20, 2026

Board Bill Number 167
Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge
Cosponsor: Jami Cox Antwi

An ordinance amending ordinance number 68481 to create a limited exemption for convention facilities within the City of St. Louis for certain private events or trade shows. The exemption applies only under specified circumstances and is intended to allow flexibility for convention-related activities while maintaining the overall purpose and enforceability of existing regulations, including a severability clause.

Delivered: Friday, March 20, 2026

The following Board Bills from the 2025-2026 Legislative Session were signed by the Mayor and issued an Ordinance Number by the City Register pursuant to law. The list below shows the Bill Number, Name of Sponsor, Effective Date, and Ordinance Number:

Board Bill Number 25 Committee Substitute As Amended In Committee
Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

An 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.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72111

Board Bill Number 81
Introduced by Alderwoman Laura Keys

The bill directs 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 and 3700 blocks of Grandel Square and the 3600, 3700 and 3800 blocks of Washington Avenue.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72112

Board Bill Number 128 As Amended in Committee
Introduced by Alderwoman Clark-Hubbard

An ordinance approving the Petition of owners of real property seeking the creation and establishment of the Kingsbury Place HOA's Capital Improvement Tornado Recovery Community Improvement District (the "CID"), finding a public purpose for the establishment of the CID and containing a severability clause.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72113

Board Bill Number 135
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.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72114

Board Bill Number 139
Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

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 13th Ward.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72115

Board Bill Number 140

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

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 13th Ward.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72116

Board Bill Number 141

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

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 13th Ward.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72117

Board Bill Number 142

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

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 13th Ward.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72118

Board Bill Number 143

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

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 13th Ward.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72119

Board Bill Number 144

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

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 13th Ward.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72120

Board Bill Number 145

Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan

An ordinance repealing Ordinance 62579 and removing Chapter 25.10 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis codifying such ordinance.

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72121

Board Bill Number 132

Introduced by Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi

Cosponsor: Alderman Michael Browning

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service authorizing and directing the Mayor and Comptroller of the City of St. Louis to execute a quitclaim deed vacating right of way and quitclaiming all of the City of St. Louis' interest in the property, improvements, and easements for the MacArthur Bridge approach in Illinois; dissolving the Municipal Bridge Commission; and containing a severability clause.

Effective Date: April 16, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72122

Board Bill Number 148

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

Cosponsors: Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier/Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi

An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, appropriates to the Department of Health \$1,363,875.78 in funds received by the City of St. Louis pursuant to the national opioid settlement agreements; authorizes the expenditure of such funds, to the extent received; and contains an emergency clause.

Effective Date: March 16, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72123

Board Bill Number 159

Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning

An ordinance providing for the execution and delivery of a Municipal Stormwater Grant Participation Agreement by and between the City of St. Louis and The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, authorizing and directing the Director of the Streets Department and the Director of the Planning and Urban Design Agency to apply for and expend funds under such agreement for the purposes of a floodwall project, and containing an Emergency Clause.

Effective Date: March 16, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72124

Board Bill Number 161 Committee Substitute

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer

Cosponsors: Alderwoman Laura Keys/Alderman Shane Cohn/Alderman Michael Browning/ Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard/Alderman Matt Devoti

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment amending certain ordinances by reappropriating certain amounts specified herein in an aggregate amount of \$5,464,157.84 for water infrastructure replacement and repair; and with an emergency clause.

Effective Date: March 16, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72125

Board Bill Number 170

Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan

An Ordinance establishing a two-way stop site at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Glades Avenue regulating all traffic travelling north and southbound on Forest Avenue at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Glad Avenue; and containing an emergency clause.

Effective Date: March 16, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72126

Board Bill Number 171 Floor Substitute

Introduced by Alisha Sonnier

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderman Bret Narayan/Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez/Alderwoman Laura Keys/Alderwoman Clark-Hubbard

An Ordinance amending Section 2 of Ordinance 47423 approved March 2, 1955, relating to requisitions for supplies not under contract, for the purpose of updating departmental minor purchase order thresholds and procurement procedures; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Effective Date: March 16, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72127

Board Bill Number 110

Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus

The overall purpose for this bill is to conditionally vacate the following street. The northern 109.965 +/- .035 feet of the 20-foot wide north/south alley and the eastern approximately 219 feet of the 15-foot wide east/west alley in City Block 3708 as bounded by St Louis Avenue, Newstead Avenue, Maffitt Avenue and Taylor Avenue. Petitioned by Care Stl Health. The vacated areas will be used to consolidate property to provide parking for commercial development.

Effective Date: April 23, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72128

Board Bill Number 111

Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus

The overall purpose for this bill is to conditionally vacate the following street. East Taylor Avenue from Broadway to Ouida Avenue. Petitioned by Hopkins Properties of St Louis LLC. The vacated areas will be used to consolidate property to provide parking for commercial development.

Effective Date: April 23, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72129

Board Bill Number 136

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface, sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in a portion of 1) Elliott Avenue from Saint Louis Avenue to Montgomery Street, 2) Montgomery Street from Jefferson Avenue to Elliott Avenue and 3) The 20-foot wide east/west alley beginning at Elliott Avenue and extending eastwardly 259.99 feet to a point in City Block 2365 as bounded by Saint Louis Avenue, Jefferson Avenue, Montgomery Street and Elliott Avenue 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.

Effective Date: April 23, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72130

Board Bill Number 150

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Pursuant to Ordinance Number 70333 as amended by Ordinance Number 71394 to calm the flow of traffic on the 6100 block of Washington Ave.

Effective Date: April 23, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72131

Board Bill Number 156

Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning

An ordinance updating the Forestry Division regulations for the planting, maintenance, preservation, and management of trees, shrubs, and plants in the City of St. Louis; containing definitions, administrative, regulatory, penalty, and severability provisions.

Effective Date: March 23, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72132

Board Bill Number 66 Committee Substitute

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier/Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance amending Chapter 3.160 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis by establishing definitions and criteria for the impact assessment of redevelopment projects as required by Section 3.160.030(a)i)e; including a severability clause.

Effective Date: May 6, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72133

Board Bill Number 119

As Amended on the Floor

Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus

Plan dated September 23, 2025 for the 8111 North Broadway Area.

Effective Date: May 6, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72134

Board Bill Number 155

Introduced by Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi

Cosponsors: Alderman Rasheen Aldridge/Alderwoman Laura Keys/Alderman Michael Browning/Alderman Shane Cohn/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

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Effective Date: May 6, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72135

Board Bill Number 167

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsor: Jami Cox Antwi

An ordinance amending ordinance number 68481 to create a limited exemption for convention facilities within the City of St. Louis for certain private events or trade shows. The exemption applies only under specified circumstances and is intended to allow flexibility for convention-related activities while maintaining the overall purpose and enforceability of existing regulations, including a severability clause.

Effective Date: May 6, 2026

Ordinance Number: 72136

b.) Office of the Mayor

Science Center Sub-District Advisory Board.

March 9, 2026

Honorable Board of Aldermen
1200 Market St. Room 230
Saint Louis, MO 63103

Dear Members of the
Board,

I have the pleasure to submit the following individuals for appointment to the **Science Center Sub-District Advisory Board.**

The appointment of **Marius Johnson-Malone**, serving as a non-voting advisory member, whose term will expire on **December 31, 2029.**

The appointment of **John Berglund**, serving as a non-voting advisory member, whose term will expire on **December 31, 2029.**

I respectfully request your approval of the appointment.

Sincerely,

Cara Spencer, Mayor
City of St. Louis

President Green recognized Mr. Browning on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Science Center Sub-District Advisory Board**

Mr. Browning moved to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Science Center Sub-District Advisory Board**

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Science Center Sub-District Advisory Board**

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board of Adjustment

April 2, 2026

Honorable Board of Aldermen
1200 Market St. Room 230
Saint Louis, MO 63103

Dear Members of the
Board,

I have the pleasure to submit the following individual for reappointment to the **Board of Adjustment**

The reappointment of **George Hitt**, an alternate member, who resides in the 8th Ward, and whose term will expire on **September 30, 2028**.

I respectfully request your approval of the appointment.

Sincerely,

Cara Spencer, Mayor
City of St. Louis

President Green recognized Ms. Sonnier on the motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment to the **Board of Adjustment**.

Ms. Sonnier requested that Mayor's reappointment to the **Board of Adjustment** be held.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to hold the Mayor's reappointment to the **Board of Adjustment**.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

Gardenside Subdivision Business District.

President Green recognized Ms. Schweitzer on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Gardenside Subdivision Business District**

Ms. Schweitzer moved to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Gardenside Subdivision Business District**

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Gardenside Subdivision Business District.**

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Soulard Special Business District.

April 10, 2026

Honorable Board of Aldermen
1200 Market St. Room 230
Saint Louis, MO 63103

Dear Members of the
Board,

I have the pleasure to submit the following individuals for appointment to the **Soulard Special Business District.**

The reappointment of **Jim Rick**, serving as a property owner in the district, whose term will expire on **December 31, 2029.**

The appointment of **Les Fields**, serving as a property owner in the district, whose term expires **December 31, 2029.** Replacing Molly Dougherty.

I respectfully request your approval of the appointments.

Sincerely,

**Cara Spencer, Mayor
City of St. Louis**

President Green recognized Ms. Sonnier on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Soulard Special Business District.**

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Soulard Special Business District.**

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

c.) **Office of the President**

None.

d.) Office of the President

None.

5. Petitions and Communications

None

6. 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.

7. 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.

Board Bill 98 Floor Substitute

Introduced by Alderwoman Laura Keys

Cosponsor: Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance recommended by the Treasurer of the City in his capacity as Supervisor of Parking 2 Meters, authorizing and directing the City, acting through the Treasurer of the City in his capacity 3 as Supervisor of Parking Meters, to issue revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to 4 exceed \$5 million; establishing the terms of sale of such bonds; appointing a trustee; approving 5 and authorizing the preparation, execution and delivery of necessary or appropriate documents and 6 actions; authorizing the reimbursement of certain amounts previously expended on the project to 7 be financed with the proceeds of the bonds; and containing severability and emergency clauses.

8. 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.

President Green recognized Ms. Tyus.

Ms. Tyus asked that Board Bill Number 59 be moved to the Third Reading Consent Calendar.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to move Board Bill Number 59 to the Third Reading Consent Calendar.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

12. First Reading of Board Bills

None.

13. Reference to Committee of Board Bills

None.

14. Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees

None

15. Report of Special Committees

None

16. Board Bills for Perfection – Consent Calendar

None

17. 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.

Board of Aldermen Committee Report April 20, 2026

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

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 113

Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

This Board Bill seeks to amend Ordinance Number 70981 effective July 24, 2019. This Board Bill will allow for up to a 15-year tax abatement to encourage development and rehabilitation of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects within the Area.

Board Bill Number 149

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

Cosponsors: Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi/Alderman Michael Browning/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Pursuant to Ordinance 68937, the bill authorizes the honorary street name “Rev. Alfred Gainey, Jr. Way,” which shall begin at the intersection of Astra Avenue and Riverview Boulevard and run north on Astra Avenue to the first intersection of Astra Avenue and Vivian Avenue.

Board Bill Number 152

Committee Substitute as Amended

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsor: President Megan Green

An Ordinance which amends certain sections of Chapter 8 of the St. Louis Revised Codes to streamline mobile food vendor operations.

Board Bill Number 163

Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

Cosponsor: Daniela Velázquez

An ordinance approving the Petition of owners of real property seeking the creation, extension, renewal and establishment of the “South Grand Community Improvement District,” finding a public purpose for the creation, extension, renewal and establishment of the South Grand Community Improvement District; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Board Bill Number 166

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsors: Shameem Clark-Hubbard/Alderwoman Laura Keys

This Board Bill seeks to approve a Chapter 99 Redevelopment Plan and Blighting Study for the Cass Avenue and I-44 Redevelopment Area. The proposed Bill does not allow for use of eminent domain within the area. The objective of the Redevelopment Plan is to encourage redevelopment of the Area with commercial uses that will serve as an entrance to the city from the north and east. Staff supports up to twenty-five (25) years of tax abatement.

Board Bill Number 168

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsors: Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

This Board Bill approves a petition to amend the boundaries of the existing Soccer Stadium Community Improvement District (the “District”) to conform with the current platting of the area. The District was originally formed in 2020 by Ordinance No. 71185. Property within the District was replated after the District was originally formed to accommodate the development of the soccer stadium and related parking, practice and team facilities. If this Board Bill is approved, certain excess property resulting the relocation of public rights-of-way associated with the construction of the soccer stadium will be removed from the District and certain property included in the footprint of the soccer stadium will be

Board Bill Number 175

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Comptroller of the City of Saint Louis to execute two utility easements (the “Easements”), which shall give, grant, extend and confer on Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, its agents, successors, and assigns, the right to construct, operate, use, maintain, repair, renew and/or remove electrical power line or lines of underground and/or above ground facilities and equipment on the land described in such Easements, and containing an Emergency Clause.

Board Bill Number 138

Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer/Alderman Shane Cohn/Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi/Alderman Michael Browning/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard/Alderwoman Laura Keys/Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance declaring a moratorium until January 31, 2031, on all approvals for non-municipal detention facilities proposed within the City of St. Louis, including the approval of building permits, special use permits, plan review, project plans, and development plans, where the subject matter of the project is a proposed non-municipal detention facility.

Board Bill Number 151

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderman Thomas Oldenburg/Alderman Bret Narayan/Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez/Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An Ordinance to amend the Public Nuisance Ordinance by repealing certain sections and adding new ones to create a Nuisance Review Board.

Board Bill Number 169

Introduced by Alderwoman Laura Keys

An ordinance amending Ordinance #71830 effective June 1, 2024 (Exhibit 1 attached) by modifying the terms of real estate tax abatement.

Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez

Chair of the Committee

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge.

Mr. Aldridge asked that Board Bill Number 152CSAA be moved to the Regular Third Reading Calendar.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to place Board Bill Number 152CSAA on the Regular Third Reading Calendar.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

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:

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Cosponsors: Shameem Clark-Hubbard/Alderwoman Laura Keys

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President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills Consent Calendar.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

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 following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Spencer, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Tyus, 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 were present but did not vote: **2**

Ms. Keys and Ms. Boyd

A total of 12 votes were cast. The motion carried

20. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills

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

The Associate Clerk read the following:

Board Bill Number 138

Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer/Alderman Shane

Cohn/Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi/Alderman Michael Browning/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard/Alderwoman Laura Keys/Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance declaring a moratorium until January 31, 2031, on all approvals for non-municipal

detention facilities proposed within the City of St. Louis, including the approval of building permits, special use permits, plan review, project plans, and development plans, where the subject matter of the project is a proposed non-municipal detention facility.

President Green recognized Ms. Sonnier on the motion to Third Read and Finally Pass Board Bill Number 138.

Ms. Sonnier moved to Third Read and Finally Pass Board Bill Number 138.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Ms. Sonnier spoke on the Board Bill.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to Third Reading and Final Pass Board Bill Number 138.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 9 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: **1**

Ms. Tyus

The following voted Present: **2**

Mr. Oldenburg and Mr. Devoti

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote: **2**

Ms. Keys and Ms. Boyd

A total of 12 votes were cast. The motion carried

Board Bill Number 151

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderman Thomas Oldenburg/Alderman Bret Narayan/Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez/Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An Ordinance to amend the Public Nuisance Ordinance by repealing certain sections and adding new ones to create a Nuisance Review Board.

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to Third Read and Finally Pass Board Bill Number 151.

Mr. Aldridge moved to Third Read and Finally Pass Board Bill Number 151.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Aldridge spoke on the Board Bill. Other members speaking included Ms. Tyus.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to Third Reading and Final Pass Board Bill Number 151.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 10 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: **3**

Mr. Devoti, Ms. Keys, and Ms. Tyus

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote: **1**

Ms. Boyd

A total of 13 votes were cast. The motion carried

Board Bill Number 169

Introduced by Alderwoman Laura Keys

An ordinance amending Ordinance #71830 effective June 1, 2024 (Exhibit 1 attached) by modifying the terms of real estate tax abatement.

President Green recognized Ms. Keys on the motion to Third Read and Finally Pass Board Bill Number 169.

Ms. Keys moved to Third Read and Finally Pass Board Bill Number 169.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Ms. Keys spoke on the Board Bill.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to Third Reading and Final Pass Board Bill Number. 169.

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

The following voted Aye:

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

The following voted No: **1**
Mr. Narayan

The following voted Present:
None.

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote: **1**
Ms. Boyd

A total of 13 votes were cast. The motion carried

Board Bill Number 152
Committee Substitute as Amended
Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge
Cosponsor: President Megan Green

An Ordinance which amends certain sections of Chapter 8 of the St. Louis Revised Codes to streamline mobile food vendor operations.

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to Third Read and Finally Pass Board Bill Number 152CSAA.

Mr. Aldridge spoke on Board Bill Number 152CSAA.

Mr. Aldridge requested to move Board Bill Number 152CSAA to Third Reading Informal Calendar.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to place Board Bill Number 152CSAA on the Third Reading Informal Calendar.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

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 113
Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

This Board Bill seeks to amend Ordinance Number 70981 effective July 24, 2019. This Board Bill will allow for up to a 15-year tax abatement to encourage development and rehabilitation of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects within the Area.

Board Bill Number 149
Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

Cosponsors: Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi/Alderman Michael Browning/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Pursuant to Ordinance 68937, the bill authorizes the honorary street name “Rev. Alfred Gainey, Jr. Way,” which shall begin at the intersection of Astra Avenue and Riverview Boulevard and run north on Astra Avenue to the first intersection of Astra Avenue and Vivian Avenue.

Board Bill Number 163

Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

Cosponsor: Daniela Velázquez

An ordinance approving the Petition of owners of real property seeking the creation, extension, renewal and establishment of the “South Grand Community Improvement District,” finding a public purpose for the creation, extension, renewal and establishment of the South Grand Community Improvement District; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Board Bill Number 166

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsors: Shameem Clark-Hubbard/Alderwoman Laura Keys

This Board Bill seeks to approve a Chapter 99 Redevelopment Plan and Blighting Study for the Cass Avenue and I-44 Redevelopment Area. The proposed Bill does not allow for use of eminent domain within the area. The objective of the Redevelopment Plan is to encourage redevelopment of the Area with commercial uses that will serve as an entrance to the city from the north and east. Staff supports up to twenty-five (25) years of tax abatement.

Board Bill Number 168

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsors: Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

This Board Bill approves a petition to amend the boundaries of the existing Soccer Stadium Community Improvement District (the “District”) to conform with the current platting of the area. The District was originally formed in 2020 by Ordinance No. 71185. Property within the District was replatted after the District was originally formed to accommodate the development of the soccer stadium and related parking, practice and team facilities. If this Board Bill is approved, certain excess property resulting the relocation of public rights-of-way associated with the construction of the soccer stadium will be removed from the District and certain property included in the footprint of the soccer stadium will be

Board Bill Number 175

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Comptroller of the City of Saint Louis to execute two utility easements (the “Easements”), which shall give, grant, extend and confer on Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, its agents, successors, and assigns, the right to construct, operate, use, maintain, repair, renew and/or remove electrical power line or lines of underground and/or above ground facilities and equipment on the land described in such Easements, and containing an Emergency Clause.

Board Bill Number 138

Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer/Alderman Shane

Cohn/Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi/Alderman Michael Browning/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard/Alderwoman Laura Keys/Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance declaring a moratorium until January 31, 2031, on all approvals for non-municipal

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Board Bill Number 151

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsors: President Megan Green/Alderman Thomas Oldenburg/Alderman Bret Narayan/Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez/Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier/Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An Ordinance to amend the Public Nuisance Ordinance by repealing certain sections and adding new ones to create a Nuisance Review Board.

Board Bill Number 169

Introduced by Alderwoman Laura Keys

An ordinance amending Ordinance #71830 effective June 1, 2024 (Exhibit 1 attached) by modifying the terms of real estate tax abatement.

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.

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

None.

23. Second Reading Resolution, Committee Reports & Adoptions

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

The Associate Clerk read the following:

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on motion to go into closed session.

Mr. Aldridge moved to Close the discussion of the report of the Personnel and Administration Committee of the Board of Alderman may be closed to the public under the provisions of Section 610.021 (3) and Section 610.022 of the Missouri Revised Codes in order to permit the members of the Board to discuss matters related to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of employees of the Board of Aldermen.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to go into closed session.

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, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Mr. Aldridge and President Green. **A total of 13 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: **1**

Ms. Boyd

A total of 13 votes were cast. The motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public at 11:00am

A Closed Session was held.

Mr. Cohn moved to end the closed session.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion to end the closed session.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, 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 recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote: 2
Mr. Oldenburg and Ms. Boyd

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

The closed session ended at 12:40pm.

24. Courtesy Resolutions

President Green directed the Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMER 274
HONORING MS. ETHEL WHITE**

WHEREAS, Ethel White was a dedicated daughter of St. Louis, Missouri, who carried the values of her upbringing into a lifelong career as a transformative educator in the Los Angeles school system; and

WHEREAS, Ms. White committed decades of her life to the noble pursuit of shaping young minds, serving as a beacon of guidance, youth empowerment, and community service; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life and career, she exemplified remarkable resilience and an unwavering faith, overcoming personal and professional "storms" with grace and devotion to others; and

WHEREAS, even while facing health challenges, Ms. White labored to preserve her family's history and her own life's lessons in a manuscript titled "*Highest of Heights: How I found the World: A True Story*"; and

WHEREAS, while in the process of writing the book, Ms. White sadly passed away March 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following her passing, her brother, Lewis White, fulfilled his solemn "assignment" to complete and publish her work, ensuring her voice would reach future generations; and

WHEREAS, the publication of *Highest of Heights* serves as a lasting tribute to her legacy of service and is scheduled for official release on April 7, 2026, in honor of her birthday; and

WHEREAS, leaders in both the City of St. Louis and the State of California have moved to recognize her extraordinary contributions to education and the profound impact she left on her students and community;

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

**Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 275
HONORING THE WONDER TWINS OF REAL ESTATE**

WHEREAS, honoring service is more than recognition, true honor requires action, investment, and infrastructure that creates lasting opportunity. Fostering Housing stability for veterans by creating access to safe, affordable housing and removing barriers to ownership that prevent them from securing stable homes is service in action; and

WHEREAS, honor must be matched with opportunity by creating structures, partnerships, and pathways. The “Honor the Service Summit” exists to transform respect into tangible results by intentionally bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise knowing that pathways require alignment and no single organization or sector can solve many of the challenges we currently face alone; and

WHEREAS, this Summit will bring veterans and their loved ones seeking pathways to housing stability and prosperity together with Business & Real Estate Professionals and Industry experts committed to creating homeownership as well as healthcare partners and mental health professionals supporting veteran wellness and stability and Policymakers & Civic Leaders Decision-makers with the power to remove systemic barriers and legislate policy change alongside Community Stakeholders Nonprofit leaders, educators, and advocates working directly with underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, the Wonder Twins of Real Estate - Ronald Boyd DeVoe Jr. and Dr. Marvetta Bozeman are a dynamic duo on a mission to transform the housing industry and address the disparities in minority homeownership. With their combined expertise and unwavering commitment to creating positive change, they have become prominent advocates for democracy in housing and powerful mentors for real estate professionals seeking to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Boyd DeVoe Jr. Ronnie DeVoe first gained fame as a member of the legendary R&B groups New Edition and BBD. Beyond his musical talents, Ronnie's entrepreneurial spirit led him to venture into the world of real estate. As the founder of DeVoe Real Estate, Ronnie recognized the critical issues facing minority homeownership and has made it his mission to use his platform and influence for the betterment of communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marvetta Bozeman Experienced Real Estate Broker, fair housing advocate, and founder of Mission Bound Real Estate & Business Academy, Dr. Bozeman brings a wealth of expertise and experience to their mission. With a deep understanding of the complexities of the housing market she has dedicated herself to dismantling barriers that have historically hindered minority homeownership. Her strategic vision and commitment to equity have enabled her to create innovative solutions and partnerships that bring real change to those who need it most; and

WHEREAS, together, Ronald Boyd DeVoe Jr. and Dr. Marvetta Bozeman represent a powerful force for positive change in the housing industry. Their "Wonder Twins of Real Estate" initiative is not just about business, it's about addressing systemic inequalities and empowering others. This doctrine guides every decision they make, every partnership they form, and every initiative they launch through their “Live Your Legacy Tour” and beyond. It's how their work creates lasting change-not temporary solutions; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Jenkins, president of Veterans Advantage Urgent Care, is a visionary and real estate investor dedicated to empowering veterans with affordable housing solutions and the pioneering founder/director of Veterans Advantage Urgent Care (VAUC), a groundbreaking sub-specialty urgent care facility exclusively for veterans, which proudly stands as the first of its kind in the United States. With unwavering commitment, VAUC focuses on delivering compassionate care to veterans struggling with traumatic brain injuries, PTSD, and complex medical diagnoses, steadfastly refusing to turn any veteran away. **WHEREAS**, inspired by the profound impact of her witness to Veterans personal experiences in 2023, Nicole launched the Veterans in Need Assistance program; a beacon of hope, driven by a charitable mission to eradicate homelessness among veterans by providing access to affordable housing, guiding them through the process of utilizing VA home loans, and offering comprehensive support that addresses their overall well-being;

WHEREAS, we congratulate these transformational leaders for the inaugural “Honor the Service” Veteran Housing, Ownership, and Generational Wealth Summit Presented by The Wonder Twins of Real Estate in Collaboration with Veterans Advantage Urgent Care to be held in St. Louis, MO on Friday March 27, 2026 and wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

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 Wonder Twins of Real Estate and the inaugural Honor the Service Summit. We further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 276
HONORING ROSIE JONES**

WHEREAS, Rosie Jones, loving and devoted Mother of Shirleen, Antwane, Kimberly, Sherry, Sheila, Robin and Camella was born May 28, 1943 in Cauthersville, MO. At the young age of 14 years old, she moved to St. Louis with her father and Eldest Sister, Corrine, living her entire adult life in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, homelessness in St. Louis began to emerge as a significant, visible public policy issue, transitioning from a problem largely managed by transient aid to a persistent crisis that accelerated and Rosie became a staunch advocate and pioneer. She infamously created local and national new headlines when she moved herself and all six of daughters into the Mayor’s Office at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, eventually she was successful in securing housing for her family and later in her life became a home owner in one of St. Louis’s historic neighborhoods, the Shaw neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, life for Rosie was a bittersweet journey as she raised her children and decided to take on the challenge of adopting and raising five of her grandchildren when one of her daughters faced life altering circumstances that led to her being unable to parent her children; and

WHEREAS, Rosie was indeed a dedicated mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother. Every life she touched, she filled with her warmth, love and caring spirit. It didn’t matter who you were because she simply loved everyone. A true and faithful Christian; and

WHEREAS, the values that she lived, were the exact same as she instilled in her own children, including

encouraging adoption within the family when family members were unable to parent their own children for whatever reason. She was strongly devoted to keeping her family together; and

WHEREAS, Rosie departed this life on Saturday, March 7, 2026. She deserves to be honored as a person who embodies all the qualities and characteristics that make a St. Louisian, a productive, caring, supportive citizen and someone that we should all aspire to be as human beings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that pause in our deliberations to join the sponsor of this resolution in expressing her deepest sympathy to the family of Rosie Jones upon her passing. 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 those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Pam Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 277
HONORING CHI ANDERSON**

WHEREAS, Chi Anderson discovered her love for having her picture taken at age 5. This would eventually turn into an aspiring modeling career well into her late teens. Coming from a family of traditionalists, she obtained her B.A. in Healthcare Management, an MBA in Business, and a life coach certification in Positive Psychology; and

WHEREAS, Chi took the safe, societal route and worked in corporate for 20 years. Never having that sense of fulfillment, she always knew she was destined for more than continual micromanaging and a cramped cubicle. Eventually, her little girl dreams and grown woman prayers would be her realization returning to modeling full time walking for dozens of fashion designers and been photographed by some of the greats; and

WHEREAS, Being well versed in her craft, Chi created a much-needed lane, The Creative Coach, LLC, assisting clients during photoshoots/public appearances with everything from posing to managing fine details while on set. She's also a runway and pageant coach for the youth, helping teen girls win numerous titles and crowns around the world; and

WHEREAS, Chi is also an actress, voiceover talent, and influencer. She was the first official model for Brazen Boutique and has been seen on HBO Series Betty. She's also a Mid America Emmy recipient for a Girl Scout commercial and has been seen on dozens of Mobile-On The Run billboards in Missouri and Illinois just to name a few. She's a 2x author and also THE FIRST brown girl to place in the national FabOver40 competition as 3rd runner-up out of over 300K contestants; and

WHEREAS, Chi Anderson is the Founder of "Take Care, Sis", a 501c3 that acts as a self-care sisterhood and safe haven for women 25+ who deserve a chance to reset, recharge, and refuel. These intentional events are curated to incorporate and enhance better lifestyle choices while building an accountable community of women. Prize & Shine Foundation, Est. 2016, Chi's first baby, was a 501c3 that offered assistance to high school senior girls with life readiness skills while celebrating their accomplishments with laptop fundraisers, scholarships and self-care initiatives like The Doting Diva Project; and

WHEREAS, Chi is the recipient of countless awards including Salute To Young Leaders, The St. Louis American Foundation, Delux Power 100, Connections To Success-Tribute To Success, Made Mogul-Community Empowerment, and the Side HustleHonors -Wilfred J. Barry Icon. She also has been featured in

articles for The St. Louis American, Riverfront Times, DaniGold Lifestyle & Entertainment, Rare Radar, New Beauty Magazine, Canvas Rebel (ATL), St. Louis Magazine and Delux Magazine; and

WHERAS, Chi is Co-Owner, Creative Director and Operations Manager of Church Productions, a double minority-owned production company that specializes in photography and videography for corporate clients, nonprofits, and the hospitality industry. She's also the co-host of NARP, (Not A Real Podcast), a podcast that sparks limitless conversations regarding trending topics and real-life scenarios. In her spare time, Chi loves to travel, dance, hike, try new restaurants and spend time with loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Chi recognized that growing up, self-care wasn't something that was routinely displayed or taught and realized in her darkest times, she leaned upon various forms of self-care and discovered more about herself as well as and newfound passions, she believes that "Honestly, self-care saved my future!" Her "Take Care Sis" mission fosters supportive communities for deserving women and nurtures their well-being by providing atmospheres like The Take Care Sis Wellness Expo to recharge and restore themselves mentally, physically, spiritually, and financially.

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 Chi Anderson and wish her God speed and success in her future endeavors. We further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented by the sponsor.

Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 278
HONORING STERLING KELBY BROWN

WHERAS, it has come to our attention that critically acclaimed American actor and proud St. Louis native Sterling Kelby Brown, born April 5,1976, is turning 50 years young; and

WHERAS, Sterling earned his Bachelor of Arts in Drama from Stanford University and Master of Fine Arts from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and has built a prolific career in television, film, and theater notably becoming the first African-American actor to win a Golden Globe for Best Actor in a TV Drama and Time's list of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Sterling's many awards include 3 Primetime Emmy Awards, 2021: Outstanding Narrator for Lincoln: Divided We Stand, 2017: Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series for This Is Us, and 2016: Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie for The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story. A 2018 Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series Drama for This Is Us, of which he was the first African-American man to win this category. He has won The Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Awards for 2019: Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture for Black Panther, 2018: Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series and Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series for This Is Us, and 2017: Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series for This Is Us; and

WHERAS, his accolades continue with his roles in Paradise and American Fiction for which he won Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series at the NAACP Image Awards 2026, Best Actor at the AAFCA TV Honors 2025, and received nominations for Best Actor in a Drama Series at the Golden Globes 2026, Primetime Emmys

2025, and Actor Awards (formerly SAG) and received his first Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor. He also won Best Supporting Actor at the African-American Film Critics Association (AAFCA); and

WHEREAS, Sterling has made a significant positive impact on The City of St. Louis through his work with the Explore St. Louis "In the Know" campaign. His immeasurable partnership included advertisement that elevated local attractions like the Delmar Loop and City Museum, generated over \$200 million in direct spending, and won two Mid-America Emmy Awards in 2018. Sterling donated his compensation from the Explore St. Louis campaign to the Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club to fund their Blue Chip Scholar-Athletic Initiative and ongoing efforts to inspire local youth through acting. As a proud alumnus of MICDS Brown often visits his former teacher's classes to inspire young artists in the community; and

WHEREAS, Sterling is a devoted husband to actress Ryan Michelle Bathe and proud father to Andrew and Amare. He is known for speaking on empathy, gratitude, and the depth of human storytelling. He emphasizes finding joy in life's highs and lows, the importance of kindness, and navigating the complexities of parenting and social issues, often highlighting his St. Louis upbringing in national media challenging misconceptions about his beloved hometown.

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 Sterling Kelby Brown on his 50th Birthday. We further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented on April 5, 2026.

Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 279
HONORING REVEREND LA'VETTA J. ROSS

WHEREAS, the congregation of Union Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) celebrated its new senior minister, Rev. La'Vetta J. Ross, during an official installation celebration on Sunday, September 7, 2025 in its historic sanctuary, located at 733 Union Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108; and

WHEREAS, Union Avenue Christian Church's heritage dates back to the origin of the communion that has come to be known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In 1837, 28 years after the founding of Brush Run Church in West Virginia, Disciples of Christ first appeared in St. Louis and met in members' homes. In 1842 more came following the call of "wherever two or more are gathered in my name." Opposite the St. Louis Courthouse on Fourth Street, the First Christian Church soon was founded; and

WHEREAS, With the movement west, Central Christian Church began in 1871 and Mt. Cabanne Christian Church in 1892. A merger on October 13, 1902 — a great and difficult decision for these two congregations — created Union Avenue Christian Church (UACC). With courage and faith, the land on which a church would be built was purchased at the corner of Union Avenue and Von Versen (now Enright Ave). By 1940 populations in St. Louis had shifted, however the members of the congregation voted to remain in the city at its current location as a truly metropolitan church; and

WHEREAS, as population in the City of St. Louis decreased, so did UACC's membership, as numerous Disciples churches sprouted in the suburbs. Union Avenue Christian Church remained steadfast in its commitment to be a beacon of faith and hope for the city; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Ross is only the second woman, and the first African American, to serve as the 12th senior minister of Union Avenue Christian Church (UACC) in the church's 120-year history. Born in Kansas City, MO, Ross is no stranger to the St. Louis area. After receiving a master of divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in 2015, among other roles, she served as a chaplain at Christian Hospital BJC and as senior pastor of Crossroads Christian Church in Caseyville, IL. as well as hospice chaplain in central New Jersey and clergy in residence at United Christian Church in Levittown, PA.; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Ross considers it an honor to lead this congregation steeped in a rich history of social justice, hospitality, and the arts, and in a time and place where our nation is divided over issues of religion, socio-economics, and politics, she recognizes the historic significance of her call as the first Black woman appointed to the position of senior minister; and

WHEREAS, UACC, an open and affirming congregation, has been a vital light on the corner of Union and Delmar in the Central West End of St. Louis since it began its ministry at this location in 1908. In addition to serving its congregation and community, the church is the home of Union Avenue Opera, the West End Players Guild, the Gretchen Brigham Art Gallery, the National Benevolent Association, and the Be the Neighbor/Urban Mission Inn. Its rich legacy also includes being the first home of Food Outreach, which provides nutritious meals to those challenged with HIV/AIDS and cancer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Aldermen of The City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations during Women's History Month to recognize, honor, and celebrate Rev. La'Vetta J. Ross. We further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to Rev. Ross by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 280
HONORING NATIONAL HOME VISITING WEEK 2026**

WHEREAS, the early childhood years are the most active period for the developing brain. A stable secure relationship with a nurturing caring adult is key in the development of young children; and

WHEREAS, many parents begin the difficult lifetime job of raising a child feeling unprepared for the challenges ahead and children have a better, healthier start, when parents have the support and skills needed to raise them; and

WHEREAS, home visiting can include a variety of different programs and models including early childhood home visiting programs and parenting education programs; and

WHEREAS, home visiting programs help parents meet the unique needs of their children, promote healthy development, strengthen family relationships, reduce the risk of abuse and neglect, and promote equity by providing resources to families who are furthest from opportunity; and

WHEREAS, well-trained professionals implement early childhood home visitation so that all families have the opportunity to access information in ways that respect their unique beliefs, traditions and customs; and

WHEREAS, Parents as Teachers operates in local communities across the United States and around the world. With more than 1,000 affiliates, using an evidence-based model, PAT nurtures positive change for every child and every family through their approach to partner, facilitate and reflect. Their parallel processes occur at every level of the PAT organization with a Parent Educator visiting a family in their home; and

WHEREAS, we urge individuals, and organizations across The City of St. Louis and the State of Missouri to utilize home visiting resources such as Parents As Teachers and Show Me Strong Families as needed to support the health and well-being of our children and families.

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 National Home Visiting Week 2026. We further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to by the sponsor.

Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 281
RECOGNIZING EDWARD L. BUSHMEYER JR.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis pauses in solemn recognition of the life and legacy of Edward L. Bushmeyer Jr., who passed away on March 28, 2026, after nearly four decades of distinguished public service to the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bushmeyer was born on November 8, 1950, in Florissant, Missouri, and raised in Jennings, where he developed an early commitment to community and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, he was a proud graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, earning a degree in sociology while actively participating in student government and campus activism, and later obtained a master’s degree in urban affairs from Saint Louis University; and

WHEREAS, following his academic pursuits, he served as a VISTA volunteer in the Soulard neighborhood, demonstrating an early and enduring commitment to public service, during which time he met his beloved wife, Louise Tonkovich; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bushmeyer dedicated his professional life to the City of St. Louis, serving under four mayoral administrations—those of Vincent Schoemehl Jr., Freeman Bosley Jr., Clarence Harmon, and Francis Slay—earning a reputation as a trusted advisor, skilled communicator, and principled leader; and

WHEREAS, his career included service as a Missouri State Representative from 1979 to 1981, representing his community with integrity in the Missouri House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, he served as Press Secretary to Mayor Vincent Schoemehl Jr. and later as Director of Communications for Mayor Clarence Harmon, helping to shape public understanding of city policy and leadership; and

WHEREAS, his extensive leadership within city government included roles as Public Safety Director, Supply Commissioner, Assistant Airport Director, and key positions within the Water Division, reflecting both the breadth of his expertise and his unwavering dedication to public administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bushmeyer served as the City Assessor from 2002 to 2013, becoming the longest-serving Assessor in the history of St. Louis, where he upheld fairness, transparency, and professionalism in property assessment; and

WHEREAS, he played a critical role in the redistricting efforts of 1990, 2001, and 2011, helping to ensure more equitable racial representation and strengthening democratic participation within the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, he authored his memoir, *Diamond Vince to Saint Francis: My Career in Local Politics*, preserving for future generations a detailed account of his years of public service and the evolution of local government; and

WHEREAS, his professional and personal papers have been preserved by the State Historical Society of Missouri, ensuring that his contributions to civic life will continue to inform and inspire; and

WHEREAS, known widely as a “consummate gentleman,” Mr. Bushmeyer was admired for his affable personality, institutional knowledge, and steady leadership, embodying an era of professionalism and dedication at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Louise; his children, Christopher and Lisa; and five beloved grandchildren, along with countless colleagues, friends, and residents whose lives were enriched by his work and kindness; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen, do hereby honor and celebrate the life of Edward L. Bushmeyer Jr., and pause in our deliberations to recognize him for his extraordinary contributions to public service and his enduring impact on the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the official records of the Board of Aldermen and that a copy be presented to his family as a lasting expression of our deepest sympathy and gratitude.

Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:

The Honorable Matt Devoti, Alderman of the 5th Ward

Cosponsors:

The Honorable Megan Green, President, Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward

The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 2nd Ward

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3rd Ward

The Honorable Daniela 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 Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward
The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 282
HONORING THELMA SHANNON ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Thelma Shannon, a lifelong resident of the City of St. Louis, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 9, 2026, marking an extraordinary milestone and joining the distinguished ranks of centenarians; and

WHEREAS, born to Emma Radford Parnell and Joseph Parnell, Thelma Shannon is a proud graduate of Charles Sumner High School, Class of 1945, and represents the rich history and resilience of the St. Louis community; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 18, Thelma Shannon began her professional career at Barnes Hospital, where she faithfully served as a Licensed Practical Nurse, dedicating herself to the care and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, her career in healthcare coincided with important milestones in her personal life, including the birth of her daughters, Bettyanne and Barbara, further grounding her legacy in both service and family; and

WHEREAS, in a profound act of love and devotion, Thelma Shannon left her professional role to care for her mother, ensuring she lived to the age of 101 with dignity and compassion despite significant health challenges; and

WHEREAS, throughout her lifetime, Thelma Shannon has demonstrated extraordinary resilience, having witnessed a century of historic change and most recently overcoming a high-risk surgery at the age of 99; and

WHEREAS, her enduring legacy is reflected in her role as a devoted wife of 69 years, a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and a guiding “North Star” for her family; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Shannon’s life stands as a testament to faith, perseverance, service, and unwavering love for her family and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we hereby recognize and honor Thelma Shannon for her remarkable 100 years of life and her lasting contributions to the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to Thelma Shannon on the celebration of her 100th birthday, wishing her continued health, happiness, and peace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and a commemorative copy be presented to Thelma Shannon as a token of our esteem.

Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:

The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 283
HONORING MOTHER ROSETTA WATTS**

WHEREAS, Mother Rosetta Watts is a devoted and visionary leader who has faithfully served the Missouri Eastern Second Western Illinois Jurisdiction Department of Women since the year 2000, having been appointed and installed under the leadership of General Supervisor Mother Willie Mae Rivers upon recommendation of Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mother Watts has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the Church of God in Christ for over 65 years, serving in numerous capacities including Evangelism, Assistant District Missionary, District Missionary, Planning Committee Chairperson, Leadership Training Committee Chairperson, and Director of Home and Foreign Missions; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership, she has strengthened auxiliaries, units, and bands within the jurisdiction and established impactful initiatives such as a comprehensive missionary training program and a Grief and Crisis Support Group to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mother Watts has served faithfully on both the jurisdictional and national levels, including her work on the International Department of Women Executive Board, Advisory Board, Advocacy-Resolution Committee, Caregiver Support Committee, and as Co-Facilitator of the Grief Recovery Prayer Line; and

WHEREAS, her contributions to ministry extend to teaching, leadership development, and service in national conferences, as well as her continued service under the leadership of General Supervisor Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Mother Watts is the co-founder of El-Bethel COGIC, where she serves as Church Mother, Bible Study President, and Board Member, supporting the ministry led by her son, Bishop Nelson Watts Jr.; and

WHEREAS, she is a devoted mother of six children, mentor, and spiritual leader whose legacy includes raising leaders in ministry and faithfully serving alongside her late husband, Superintendent Nelson Watts Sr., for over 43 years; and

WHEREAS, beyond her ministry, Mother Watts served as a licensed healthcare professional for 35 years and pursued extensive theological and religious studies, earning a Doctorate of Divinity and receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to education and ministry; and

WHEREAS, her excellence and service have been recognized through numerous honors, including being named “Mother of the Year” in 2018 and receiving the 2024 International Department of Women Supervisor Award, as well as serving as Official Host for the 75th Annual Women’s International Convention in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mother Watts exemplifies a life of faith, service, and leadership, guided by her principle, “Living to Serve,” and remains committed to addressing the holistic needs of God’s people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we honor, recognize, and celebrate Mother Rosetta Watts for her extraordinary leadership, faithful service, and lasting contributions to the Church and community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented as a token of appreciation and respect for her enduring legacy and commitment to service.

Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 284
HONORING INDIGO K. SAMS

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized is Indigo K. Sams, President and CEO of COCA, whose decades-long commitment to arts education and community development has made her one of St. Louis's most respected arts leaders; and

WHEREAS, her journey with COCA began as a college intern, and through her leadership and experience—including her tenure with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis—she now leads one of the largest multidisciplinary arts centers in the country; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, COCA continues to serve tens of thousands annually, expanding access to arts education and fostering creativity across the region; and

WHEREAS, through her dedication and vision, Indigo K. Sams continues to strengthen the role of the arts in building community and transforming lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service and its continued commitment to community uplift, advocacy, and the arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Indigo K. Sams for her outstanding leadership, dedication to the arts, and commitment to expanding opportunity and access for communities across the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and that a copy be presented to the honoree as a testament to the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 285
HONORING KAYLA REED

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents in partnership with Action STL, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, this event recognizes and celebrates leaders across the region who are making meaningful contributions to justice, opportunity, and progress, honoring individuals whose work strengthens the social and civic fabric of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized is Kayla Reed, a proud St. Louis native, respected organizer, strategist, and Co-Founder and Executive Director of Action STL, a grassroots racial justice organization dedicated to building Black political power and advancing equity throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, inspired to act following the 2014 Ferguson Uprising and the killing of Michael Brown, Kayla Reed transitioned from a career as a pharmacy technician into full-time community organizing, later earning her bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis while continuing her advocacy work; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Action STL has successfully led transformative campaigns focused on housing justice, voting rights, and criminal legal reform, while also playing a pivotal role in electing progressive Black leadership, including helping to elect Tishaura Jones as the first Black woman Mayor of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Reed's influence extends nationally through her role as Co-Founder of the Electoral Justice Project, a campaign of the Movement for Black Lives, where she works to expand Black voter engagement and strengthen Black-led organizations across the country; and

WHEREAS, through her tireless dedication, Kayla Reed continues to champion a vision of St. Louis where all communities have access to safety, power, and self-determination, embodying the spirit of leadership and service honored by Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service and its continued commitment to community uplift, advocacy, and the arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Kayla Reed for her outstanding leadership, advocacy, and dedication to advancing equity and justice in the City of St. Louis and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and that a copy be presented to the honoree as a testament to the high esteem in which she is held by the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 286
HONORING CHRIS HANSEN

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized is Chris Hansen, Executive Director of the Kranzberg Arts Foundation, whose leadership has transformed the arts infrastructure of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, through his vision, the Foundation has developed numerous arts spaces and supported dozens of creative organizations, helping establish the Grand Center Arts District as a nationally recognized hub for arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hansen has also led major initiatives including Music at the Intersection, elevating St. Louis's musical legacy and attracting national attention to the region's cultural contributions; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership and dedication, Chris Hansen continues to strengthen the creative economy and cultural identity of St. Louis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service and its continued commitment to community uplift, advocacy, and the arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Chris Hansen for his outstanding leadership, dedication to the arts, and commitment to expanding opportunity and access for communities across the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and that a copy be presented to the honoree as a testament to the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

**Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 287
HONORING KEISHA MABRY-HAYMORE**

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, this event recognizes and celebrates leaders across the region who are making meaningful contributions to justice, opportunity, and progress, honoring individuals whose work strengthens the social and civic fabric of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized is Keisha Mabry-Haymore, a nationally respected AI-tech educator, entrepreneur, and workforce development leader, and Managing Director of Per Scholas St. Louis, who has dedicated her career to closing the digital divide and empowering communities through education and technology; and

WHEREAS, a Louisville, Kentucky native, Keisha Mabry-Haymore holds degrees from the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and the University of Missouri–St. Louis, and has been widely recognized through national media platforms for her leadership and impact; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership at Per Scholas St. Louis, a free, high-quality technology training program, she has helped create life-changing opportunities for participants, many of whom significantly increase their earning potential upon completion; and

WHEREAS, as Founder of Heydays Creative Workspace and a Grow With Google Digital Coach, Keisha Mabry-Haymore continues to expand access to digital skills and delivers transformative AI education to organizations nationwide, including Fortune 500 companies; and

WHEREAS, through her innovation, leadership, and commitment to equity in technology and education, Keisha Mabry-Haymore embodies the spirit of service and progress celebrated by Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Keisha Mabry-Haymore for her outstanding leadership and dedication to advancing opportunity through education and technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and a copy be presented to the honoree.

Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 288
HONORING LARRY MORRIS

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized is Larry “Fallout” Morris, a proud St. Louis native of University City, respected cultural leader, artist, and the Director of Programs & Partnerships at the Kranzberg Arts Foundation, who has dedicated his career to connecting artists, communities, and opportunities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Larry Morris holds a Bachelor’s degree in Audio Production and a Master’s degree in Media Communications from Webster University, and is widely known as the frontman of the acclaimed St. Louis hip-hop fusion band iLLPHONiCS, as well as for his work as a professional songwriter for television; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Kranzberg Arts Foundation in 2022, Larry Morris has advanced from Director of Artist Residency to Director of Programs & Partnerships, where he oversees the Kranzberg Artist in Residency program, cultivates community partnerships, and leads workforce development initiatives including the ArtWorQ career preparation program and Music at the Intersection activations; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a 2019 St. Louis Civic Pride Foundation “Saint Louis Champion,” Larry Morris has been instrumental in expanding access to the arts by connecting minority and international communities to creative spaces, ensuring that arts and cultural resources are inclusive and accessible to all residents of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, creativity, and commitment to cultural equity, Larry Morris continues to strengthen the artistic landscape of St. Louis and embodies the spirit of service and community celebrated by Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service and its continued commitment to community uplift, advocacy, and the arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Larry “Fallout” Morris for his outstanding leadership, dedication to the arts, and commitment to expanding opportunity and access for communities across the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and that a copy be presented to the honoree as a testament to the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

**Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 289
HONORING MICHAEL DONOVAN**

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized is Michael Donovan, Executive Director of the Missouri Arts Council, whose decades of leadership have expanded access to the arts across the state; and

WHEREAS, through his work, the Missouri Arts Council continues to support artists and organizations statewide, fostering creativity, economic development, and cultural appreciation in communities large and small; and

WHEREAS, with more than 40 years in the arts, Michael Donovan has served as a leader, advisor, and advocate, strengthening partnerships and advancing the role of the arts in public life; and

WHEREAS, through his commitment and service, he has helped ensure that the arts remain a vital part of Missouri’s identity and future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service and its continued commitment to community uplift, advocacy, and the arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Michael Donovan for his outstanding leadership, dedication to the arts, and commitment to expanding opportunity and access for communities across the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and that a copy be presented to the honoree as a testament to the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

**Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 290
HONORING LESLIE & VALERIE HUGHES**

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, this event recognizes and celebrates leaders across the region who are making meaningful contributions to justice, opportunity, and progress, honoring individuals whose work strengthens the social and civic fabric of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized are Leslie and Valerie Hughes, visionary co-founders of Frizzy By Nature and creators of Frizz Fest, the largest Black beauty festival in the Midwest, who have transformed a personal journey of healing into a powerful community movement; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 2017, Frizz Fest has grown from a gathering of hundreds into an annual celebration welcoming thousands, uplifting Black beauty, entrepreneurship, culture, and joy while creating economic opportunities for local vendors and artists; and

WHEREAS, through their leadership, Leslie and Valerie Hughes have expanded their impact beyond the festival by developing programs such as Blooming Business and Frizz Fest University, supporting entrepreneurs and fostering community connection year-round; and

WHEREAS, through their vision, creativity, and commitment to uplifting others, Leslie and Valerie Hughes continue to strengthen the cultural and economic vitality of the City of St. Louis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Leslie and Valerie Hughes for their outstanding leadership and dedication to advancing opportunity through education and technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and a copy be presented to the honoree.

**Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 291
HONORING VANESSA COOKSEY**

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized is Vanessa Cooksey, President and CEO of the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis, a transformational leader whose work has helped shape the region into a thriving center for arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, since joining the organization in 2020, Vanessa Cooksey has guided a bold vision to position St. Louis as a national model for arts-driven placemaking and civic pride, building upon decades of investment in artists and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, with more than 30 years of leadership experience across corporate, nonprofit, and government sectors, she has led initiatives impacting millions nationwide and has been widely recognized for her contributions to community development and leadership; and

WHEREAS, through her lifelong commitment to creativity, innovation, and community impact, Vanessa Cooksey exemplifies the highest ideals of leadership in the arts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service and its continued commitment to community uplift, advocacy, and the arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Vanessa Cooksey for her outstanding leadership, dedication to the arts, and commitment to expanding opportunity and access for communities across the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and that a copy be presented to the honoree as a testament to the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

**Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 292
HONORING TEE PARKS**

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 celebrates five years of impactful service in the City of St. Louis, uplifting community voices, advancing equity, supporting ongoing tornado relief efforts for North St. Louis residents, and standing in strong support of sustaining the arts amid proposed statewide funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, among those being recognized is Tierra K. Parks, known professionally as Tee Parks, a dynamic storyteller, emcee, and creative artist whose work bridges arts, media, and education in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, Tee Parks began her career in radio, producing nationally recognized programs and building a strong foundation in media and storytelling; and

WHEREAS, as the founder of Healing Thoughts Productions, she has created a platform for creative expression, education, and community engagement through performance, writing, and curriculum development; and

WHEREAS, through her presence as an emcee and cultural connector, Tee Parks continues to uplift voices and celebrate the spirit of St. Louis through storytelling and the arts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, do hereby recognize and commend Kre8 Spaces HONORS 2026 for its five years of impactful service and its continued commitment to community uplift, advocacy, and the arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Tierra K. Parks for her outstanding leadership, dedication to the arts, and commitment to expanding opportunity and access for communities across the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Honorable Board and that a copy be presented to the honoree as a testament to the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of the City of St. Louis.

Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 293 HONORING BISHOP R.D. STRONG

WHEREAS, **Jurisdictional Bishop Robert D. Strong, Sr.** is the Pastor of Kossuth Church of God in Christ of St. Louis, Missouri and on January 23, 2023, Auxiliary Bishop Robert D. Strong, Sr., was elevated to **Jurisdictional Bishop of the Missouri Eastern Third Jurisdiction** by The Honorable Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle John J. Shears in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2013, Elder Robert D. Strong, Sr. was elevated and installed to Auxiliary Bishop of Church of God in Christ by The Honorable Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle Charles E. Blake, officiating at Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Strong has faithfully served this congregation since April, 1977. Also, while serving as Pastor of Kossuth COGIC, Bishop Strong was employed by General Motors for 25 years until he received a word from the Lord to dedicate his life to full time ministry. In 1994, Pastor Strong received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in

Biblical Studies from Lael College. He also received his Master's Degree in Ministry. Pastor Strong was appointed Eastern Missouri First Jurisdiction Sunday School Superintendent in 1990 and Midwest Regional Sunday School Superintendent in 1998. Bishop Strong travels the country preaching and teaching the gospel; teaching annually in the Auxiliaries in Ministry International Conventions (AIMS). He has also sponsored trips to Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, to help inspire faith in the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Strong has been married to Evangelist Missionary Jaynes Strong for 60 years, and she works untiringly alongside him in the ministry. They have seven unique children; and

WHEREAS, under Pastor Strong's pastorate two new edifices were constructed. The vision of a new edifice was given from the Lord based on Haggai 1:8. On April 17, 1983, the vision became a reality and the new edifice, at 3801 Clarence was dedicated. The second 950 seat edifice opened July 18, 2004. Latter Glory Manor, a 38-unit seniors' complex, was also built in 2004. In 2005, a multipurpose complex was renovated from the last sanctuary. On Sunday, April 28, 2013 a "Street Dedication Service" was held in dedication of the street named "Eld. Robert Strong, Sr. Way". Other church and community ministries include: Bible Study Institute, G.E.D. Assistance Weekly Hot Lunch Program, Multi Media Ministry, Transportation Ministry, Prison Outreach Ministry, Drug & Alcohol Recovery Program, Community Food Pantry, Grill to Glory, Flame of Fire Radio Broadcast, and the vision continues....

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberation to humbly honor and recognize the legacy of Bishop Robert D. Strong. We further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at time deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 294 HONORING THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF KOSSUTH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

WHEREAS, in 1925, Mother Lydia B. Tate established the Boosting for Jesus Circle Prayer Band in her home at 3933 W. Belle in St. Louis, Missouri, laying the spiritual foundation for what would become a lasting institution of faith and community service; In 1932, Elder James Lee Ward and Elder John Schafer joined the prayer band, strengthening its leadership and expanding its spiritual reach; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 1936, the organization formally became The All-Saints Gospel Feast Holiness Church, with Elder James Lee Ward appointed Pastor and Elder John Schafer serving as Assistant Pastor. In 1941, Elder Henry Phillips joined the ministry, further advancing its mission and impact. The church relocated in 1945 to 507 S. Jefferson and, in 1949, united with the Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder James L. Ward. On April 12, 1959, the congregation dedicated its new sanctuary at 4215 Kossuth and was renamed Kossuth Church of God in Christ, marking a new era of growth and stability; and

WHEREAS, following the passing of Elder Ward on February 22, 1975, and Elder Henry Phillips in 1976, the church continued its mission through faithful leadership transitions. On April 17, 1977, Elder Robert D. Strong was installed as Pastor, ushering in a period of significant expansion and development, including the dedication

of a new edifice at 3801 Clarence on April 17, 1983, and the opening of a 950-seat sanctuary on July 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, under Pastor Strong’s leadership, the church expanded its community footprint with the construction of Latter Glory Manor, a 38-unit senior housing complex in 2004, and the renovation of a multipurpose facility in 2005. On April 28, 2013, the community honored Pastor Strong’s enduring impact with the dedication of “Eld. Robert Strong, Sr. Way,” commemorating his leadership and service. Kossuth Church of God in Christ has remained a cornerstone of spiritual guidance, community development, and faith-based leadership in St. Louis for nearly a century.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the rich history, enduring legacy, and continued vision of Kossuth Church of God in Christ, acknowledging its profound contributions to the spiritual, social, and cultural fabric of the St. Louis community. This resolution serves as a formal expression of appreciation for the generations of leadership, membership, and community partners whose commitment has sustained and advanced the mission of the church. As Kossuth Church of God in Christ continues forward, its legacy stands as a model of faith-driven leadership, community investment, and transformational impact.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberation to humbly honor the history and legacy of Kossuth Temple Church of God in Christ. We further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at time deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 295
HONORING MONSIGNOR DENNIS DELANEY**

WHEREAS, Monsignor Dennis Delaney was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 22, 1976, by Cardinal Carberry, then-Archbishop of Saint Louis; and

WHEREAS, he has faithfully served the Archdiocese of Saint Louis for fifty years with dedication, pastoral charity, and steadfast devotion to the Church; and

WHEREAS, he has provided exemplary leadership as Rector of the Pro-Cathedral of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, fostering vibrant liturgical life and spiritual growth among the faithful; and

WHEREAS, in his role as Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, he has guided this sacred ministry with compassion, dignity, and a deep respect for the corporal works of mercy; and

WHEREAS, his priestly ministry has been marked by a profound commitment to preaching the Gospel, administering the Sacraments, and accompanying the People of God in times of joy and sorrow; and

WHEREAS, his witness of faith, humility, and service has been a source of inspiration to clergy, religious, and laity alike;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to joyfully commemorate and congratulate Monsignor Delaney on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee of Ordination and that we offer our heartfelt gratitude for his fifty years of faithful priestly service and pray for his continued health, strength, and blessings in the years to come.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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 those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Matt Devoti, Alderman of the 5th Ward**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 296

HONORING MICHAEL J. LATCHISON AND THE MICHAEL LATCHISON SINGING MINISTRY

WHEREAS, Min. Michael J. Latchison is a pillar of Gospel Music in St. Louis, Missouri, celebrated not only for his profound music ministry but for his deep commitment to mentoring and nurturing lives as a surrogate parent to many children over the years; and

WHEREAS, the journey began in June, 1985 at Beaumont High School, where Michael organized a Gospel ensemble that would lay the groundwork for a long-lasting ministry. Over the decades, what started as a small school ensemble has evolved into The Michael Latchison Singing Ministry; a dynamic 35-voice singing aggregation; and

WHEREAS, under his direction, MLSM has become recognized as the longest running community choir within the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area, committed to both musical excellence and giving back to the community. Michael Latchison's life is deeply rooted in church and music ministry in service with MLSM; and

WHEREAS, Michael has maintained a robust presence for over 41 years, bringing high-energy praise and worship to the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area. One of his greatest and most notable achievements and a monumental recognition of his contributions to Gospel music is his induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in September, 2025. This honor highlights his enduring impact, legacy, and dedication to Gospel music and uplifting the community; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate this day, April 19, 2026, in honor of MLSM founder Michael J. Latchison, recognize Mr. Alvin Johnson President, Lady Patricia Barber Vice President, Ms. Ava Harris Secretary, and Mrs. Shelia Forrest Financial consultant and wish them God speed and success in the years to come.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Aldermen of The City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor Min. Michael J. Latchison and the Michael Latchison Singing Ministry. We further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented on April 19,2026 by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 20th day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 297

HONORING DETECTIVE RICHARD VAN DEUTEKOM

WHEREAS, Richard Van Deutekom is a Detective with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. He joined the force on June 2, 1997 and has completed 28 years of service; and

WHEREAS, he is being recognized for his exemplary high standards of law enforcement and his perseverance to serve and protect the citizens of city of St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Detective Van Deutekom's exceptional dedication to law enforcement, tireless commitment to our community, and outstanding professional achievements make him an example of what it means to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2025, there were two burglary 1st offenses that occurred at the 7-Eleven on Gravois Avenue and Morganford Blvd. Detective Richard Van Deutekom and his partner Detective Kenney apprehended the suspects. The suspects were found with a stolen Ford F- 250 truck, they also used forced entry to remove an ATM, before fleeing in a second vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Detective Richard Van Deutekom, along with 2nd District Burglary Detectives, quickly identified the suspects' coordinated efforts and traced their movements to rental vehicles from Houston, Texas; and through search warrants, GPS data analysis, surveillance review, and collaboration with the St. Louis Gateway Strike Force – Midwest HIDTA, the team identified all four suspects and uncovered the group's interstate operation; and

WHEREAS, their meticulous investigation led to federal indictments on eight counts of Conspiracy and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, all four suspects were apprehended in the Houston area by the U.S. Marshals Service and returned to St. Louis to face prosecution through the U.S. Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, beyond this case, Detective Van Deutekom and his partner Detective Kenney investigated more than 305 burglary cases in 2025, resulting in 61 arrests, 136 total charges, and an 83% issue rate with the Circuit Attorney's Office, along with additional federal filings; and

WHEREAS, we are incredibly proud to recognize Detective Richard Van Deutekom as 2025 Detective of the Year. His dedication, hard work, and positive influence on our community has left an indelible mark, and we are grateful for his continued contributions to both the department and the people he serves.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Detective Richard Van Deutekom for his service to St. Louis and for his many achievements. 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 20th day of April, 2026 by:
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 298
HONORING DETECTIVE ERICA KENNEY

WHEREAS, Erica Kenney is a Detective with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. She joined the force on May 9, 2006, her years of service has been 19.31 years; and

WHEREAS, she is being recognized for her exemplary high standards of law enforcement and her perseverance to serve and protect the citizens of city of St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Detective Erica Kenney’s exceptional dedication to law enforcement, tireless commitment to our community, and outstanding professional achievements makes her an example of what it means to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2025, there were two burglary 1st offenses that occurred at the 7-Eleven on Gravois Avenue and Morganford Blvd. Detective Kenney and her partner Detective Richard Van Deutekom apprehended the suspects. The suspects were found with a stolen Ford F- 250 truck, they also used forced entry to remove an ATM, before fleeing in a second vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Detective Erica Kenney, along with District 2 Burglary Squad detectives, quickly identified the suspects’ coordinated efforts and traced their movements to rental vehicles from Houston, Texas. Through search warrants, GPS data analysis, surveillance review, and collaboration with the St. Louis Gateway Strike Force – Midwest HIDTA, the team identified all four suspects and uncovered the group’s interstate operation; and

WHEREAS, her meticulous investigation led to federal indictments on eight counts of Conspiracy and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property. All four suspects were apprehended in the Houston area by the U.S. Marshals Service and returned to St. Louis to face prosecution through the U.S. Attorney’s Office; and

WHEREAS, beyond this case, Detective Kenney and her partner Detective Van Deutekom investigated more than 305 burglary cases in 2025, resulting in 61 arrests, 136 total charges, and an 83% issue rate with the Circuit Attorney’s Office, along with additional federal filings; and

WHEREAS, we are incredibly proud to recognize Detective Erica Kenney as 2025 Detective of the Year. Her dedication, hard work, and positive influence on our community has left an indelible mark, and we are grateful for her continued contributions to both the department and the people she serves.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Detective Erica Kenney for her service to St. Louis and for her many achievements 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 20th day of April, 2026 by:
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 299 HONORING POLICE OFFICER KELLIE POGUE

WHEREAS, Officer Kellie Pogue is a Police Officer with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. She joined the force on January 8, 2018, her years of service has been 7.68 years; and

WHEREAS, she is being recognized for her exemplary high standards of law enforcement and her perseverance to serve and protect the citizens of city of St. Louis, Missouri. Officer Pogue’s exceptional dedication to law enforcement, tireless commitment to our community, and outstanding professional achievements makes her an example of what it means to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2025, Officer Pogue distinguished herself through exceptional productivity, leadership, and investigative skill, making her highly deserving of Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she worked 1,756 hours and responded to 1,589 radio calls for service. In addition, she wrote 173 reports, issued 25 traffic summonses and 17 parking citations, made 29 arrests, and assisted on 26 more. Her enforcement efforts resulted in 45 felony charges, 19 misdemeanor charges, and 25 city ordinance violations, demonstrating her diligence and commitment to accountability. Recognizing a staffing need within the district, she also volunteered to serve as a Field Training Officer, further exemplifying her leadership and dedication to the department's future; and

WHEREAS, in a notable "Shots Fired into a Dwelling" investigation, Officer Pogue recovered a single spent shell casing and ensured it was submitted for forensic analysis and entered into NIBIN. A subsequent NIBIN hit linked the casing to another crime scene, leading her to coordinate with SWAT, District officers, and DEI Detectives to execute a Missouri State search warrant. The warrant was executed without incident, resulting in the seizure of multiple firearms and the arrest of two adults. Forensic testing confirmed the recovered firearm was used in the original incident. The case was presented to the Circuit Attorney's Office, and multiple felony charges were issued; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pogue also demonstrated proactive policing through community engagement in the 4400 block of Morgan Ford. After receiving tips about suspected drug activity, she initiated an investigation, coordinated controlled purchases using a confidential informant, and ultimately partnered with DEI Detectives and SWAT to execute a search warrant authorized by a Circuit Court judge. The operation resulted in the arrest of a convicted felon found in possession of a firearm, suspected methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia. The suspect admitted to selling narcotics, and formal charges were issued by the Circuit Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, we are incredibly proud to recognize Officer Kellie Pogue as 2025 Officer of the Year. Her dedication, hard work, and positive influence on our community has left an indelible mark, and we are grateful for her continued contributions to both the department and the people she serves.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Police Officer Kellie Pogue for her service to St. Louis and for her many achievements. 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 21st day of April, 2026 by:
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 300
HONORING BISHOP REGINALD C. SPEED JR.

WHEREAS, Bishop Reginald C. Speed, Jr. is a dynamic and anointed pastor, preacher, and teacher who has faithfully dedicated over twenty-seven years to ministry and more than sixteen years to pastoral leadership, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ with power, conviction, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Speed is the son of the late Bishop Dr. Reginald C. Speed, Sr. and Elect Lady Armilia Speed, and as a third-generation pastor, he continues a rich legacy of ministry, carrying forward the vision and spiritual foundation established by his forefathers with integrity and unwavering faith; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Speed serves as the Senior Pastor of True Gospel Temple Church, where he leads with a steadfast commitment to truth, righteousness, and spiritual growth, delivering a message centered on

repentance, restoration, and redemption, and inspiring countless individuals to deepen their relationship with God; and

WHEREAS, throughout his ministry, Bishop Speed has been a source of encouragement and hope, uplifting the brokenhearted, strengthening believers, and reaching those in need with compassion, wisdom, and a relentless pursuit of God's presence; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Speed is a proud graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, where he earned both a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with an emphasis in Corporate Finance, along with a minor in accounting, exemplifying excellence in both education and ministry; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral leadership, Bishop Speed is an entrepreneur, author, and devoted family man, sharing over twenty-five years of marriage with his wife, First Lady Darlene Speed, and together raising five sons while modeling faith, commitment, and service; and

WHEREAS, True Gospel Temple Church celebrates its 40th Church Anniversary, marking four decades of faithful service, spiritual guidance, and meaningful impact within the community under the leadership and continued vision of Bishop Reginald C. Speed, Jr.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we join in celebrating the 40th Church Anniversary of True Gospel Temple Church, commending its lasting contributions to the spiritual and social fabric of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to humbly congratulate and recognize Bishop Reginald C. Speed Jr. for his outstanding leadership, dedicated service, and unwavering commitment to ministry. 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 those deemed appropriate by the sponsor

Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 301
HONORING DR. ANNE E. PRICE

WHEREAS, Dr. Anne E. Price, a distinguished alumna of Harris-Stowe State University, exemplified a life of purpose, service, and unwavering dedication to educational equity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Price, a proud 1946 graduate of Harris Teachers College, began her remarkable career in the segregated system of St. Louis Public Schools, where she served with distinction as a teacher at Banneker Elementary, igniting a lifelong mission to uplift underserved students; and

WHEREAS, her pioneering efforts in literacy education, including the establishment of a reading clinic for Black children, set a transformative standard and laid the foundation for decades of impactful leadership in urban education; and

WHEREAS, through her ascent to roles including principal, director of curriculum services, and assistant superintendent for elementary schools, Dr. Price demonstrated visionary leadership, further strengthened by her doctoral studies at St. Louis University, specializing in urban curriculum supervision; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Price’s influence extended beyond the classroom through innovative initiatives such as Project FORE and her educational outreach on KMOV-TV’s “PS 4” program, where her instruction in reading, writing, and spelling empowered countless learners across the region; and

WHEREAS, her lifelong commitment to service and excellence earned her numerous honors, including the YWCA Leadership Award in Education, and active life memberships in esteemed organizations such as Phi Delta Kappa, the Urban League, and the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, guided by a profound belief in the transformative power of education, Dr. Price remained a mentor, advocate, and champion for students and educators alike well into her later years; and

WHEREAS, in a final and extraordinary act of generosity, Dr. Price established a historic \$2.2 million endowment—the largest individual planned gift by an alumna in the university’s history—ensuring that her legacy of opportunity will endure for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this endowment, created more than three decades in advance as a testament to her enduring love for her alma mater, will provide vital scholarships to students, particularly those from St. Louis and African-American males pursuing elementary education, thereby removing barriers and opening doors to academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, as expressed by her niece, Lynette Price-McKinney, Dr. Price’s life was defined by her compassion for “the underdog” and her steadfast commitment to empowering others through education; and **WHEREAS**, the leadership of Harris-Stowe State University, under the guidance of President Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith, recognizes this transformative gift as both a tribute to Dr. Price’s extraordinary life and a catalyst for future generations of scholars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 24th day of April, 2026, we honor and celebrate the life, legacy, and unparalleled generosity of Dr. Anne E. Price;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Anne Price Endowed Scholarship Fund shall stand as a lasting beacon of hope, equity, and opportunity, ensuring that her vision of accessible, transformative education continues to inspire and uplift students for generations to come;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to humbly recognize and congratulate Dr. Annie E. Price on her outstanding leadership, dedicated service, and unwavering commitment education equality. 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 those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 20th Day of April 2026 by:
The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward**

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to adopt to Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green recognized Mr. Narayan.

After voting on the prevailing side, Mr. Narayan moved to reconsider the vote for the Courtesy Resolution Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion to reconsider the vote for the Courtesy Resolution.

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

The following voted Aye:

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

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present: **1**

Cohn

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote: **2**

Mr. Oldenburg and Ms. Boyd

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

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to adopt to Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green recognized Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Cohn, and Ms. Keys asked to be added as a cosponsor to Resolution Numbers 284-292.

President Green directed the Clerk to add Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Cohn, and Ms. Keys as cosponsors to Resolution Numbers 284-292.

The Clerk Acknowledged.

President Green recognized Mr. Cohn.

Mr. Cohn and Ms. Keys also asked to be added as a cosponsor to Resolution Numbers 297, 298, and 299.

The Clerk acknowledged.

Ms. Velázquez and Ms. Sonnier also asked to be cosponsors for Resolution Numbers 292-298.

The Clerk acknowledged.

Mr. Aldridge and Ms. Keys asked to be cosponsors on Resolutions Numbers 274-301.

The Clerk acknowledged.

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

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

23. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

None.

23. Announcements

President Green directed the Clerk to Announcements.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

***FULL BOARD MEETING – CHAMBERS – 11:00AM – ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST MEETING OF THE 2026-2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION***

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

NONE

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

NONE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

NONE

President Green took a Point of Personal Privilege. She reviewed the work the members have accomplished over this past Legislative Session. She further discussed the members working together despite differences.

24. Excused Aldermen

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to excuse.

Mr. Aldridge moved to excuse Ms. Cox Antwi.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

25. Adjournment

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the adjournment motion.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adjourn the meeting Sine Die.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adjourn the meeting Sine Die.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.

Submitted by:

Sharita Rogers

Clerk

St. Louis Board of Aldermen