



**Minutes**  
**St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Friday, May 1, 2026**  
**10:00am**

**Board of Aldermen Chambers**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Acting President Cohn called the meeting to order at 10:00am and directed the Clerk to call the roll.

**2. Roll Call**

The Clerk called the roll and the following members answered to their names: Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **11 members were present. A quorum was established.**

*Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Schweitzer, and Ms. Cox Antwi arrived while the meeting was in progress, making a total of 14 members present.*

**3. Opening Reflection or Prayer**

None.

**4. Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day**

None.

**5. Introduction of Honored Guests**

Acting President Cohn directed the meeting to the Introduction of Honored Guests.

President Green recognized Ms. Keys.

Ms. Keys recognized as her neighbor Wilma Ahart, who moved back into her home yesterday, from the May 16, 2025 tornado.

Acting President recognized Mr. Aldridge.

Mr. Aldridge recognized as his honored guest, Ms. Jessica, from SLU, who is working on Policy Pods, and is sitting in the gallery. Also, on behalf of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Ms. Joyce Roberts, who is sitting in the gallery.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Monday, April 20, 2026 Sine Die and Tuesday April 21, 2026 Annual Full Board meetings.

Mr. Aldridge moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, April 20, 2026 Sine Die and Tuesday April 21, 2026 Annual Full Board meetings.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, April 20, 2026 Sine Die and Tuesday April 21, 2026 Annual Full Board meetings.

**The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

## **7. Report of City Officials**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to the Report of City Officials.

The Clerk read the following:

- a) **Report of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen**  
None
- b.) **Office of the Mayor**

### **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)**

April 1, 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 **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)**

The appointment of **Stephen Westbrooks**, who resides in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, and whose term will expire on **May 11, 2030**, replacing Otis Williams.

The reappointment of **Emily Andrews**, who resides in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, and whose term will expire on **May 11 2030**.

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment.

Sincerely,

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

Acting President Cohn recognized Ms. Velázquez on the approval Mayor's appointments to **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)**

Ms. Velázquez made the motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)**

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Acting President Cohn recognized Ms. Tyus.

Ms. Tyus requested that the Mayor's appointments to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)**.

Ms. Velázquez withdrew her motion.

Mr. Aldridge withdrew his second.

Ms. Velázquez made the motion to send the Mayor's appointments to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)** to the Legislative and Rules Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Acting President Cohn directed Clerk to call the roll on the motion to send the Mayor's appointment to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)** to the Legislative and Rules Committee.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 14 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:

None.

**A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

**Development Disabilities Resource Commission**

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 individual for appointment to the **Development Disabilities Resource Commission**

The appointment of **Michael Fitzgerald**, who resides in 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, serving as at-large member, whose term will expire on **October 1, 2028**, filling the unexpired term of Sherry Wibbermeyer.

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment.

Sincerely,

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

President Green recognized Ms. Schweitzer on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Development Disabilities Resource Commission**.

Ms. Schweitzer moved that the Mayor's appointment to the **Development Disabilities Resource Commission** be sent to the Health and Human Development Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to send the Mayor's appointment to the **Development Disabilities Resource Commission** to the Health and Human Development Committee.

Ms. Schweitzer requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 14 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:  
None.

**A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

c.) **Office of the President**  
None

d.) **Office of the President**  
None

8. **Petitions and Communications**  
None.

9. **Board Bills for Perfection, Informal Calendar**  
None.

10. **Board Bills for Third Reading, Informal Calendar**  
None.

11. **Resolutions, Informal Calendar**  
None.

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill Numbers 1, 15, and 16 to the First Reading of Board Bills.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill Numbers 1, 15, and 16 to the First Reading of Board Bills.

Seconded by Ms. Velázquez.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill Numbers 1, 15, and 16 to the First Reading of Board Bills.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 14 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:  
None

The following voted Present:  
None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

**A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to place Board Bills Numbers 1, 15, and 16 at the end of First Reading of Board Bills.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

Acting President recognized Ms. Tyus on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill Number 17 to the First Reading of Board Bills.

Ms. Tyus made the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill Number 17 to the First Reading of Board Bills.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill Number 17 to the First Reading of Board Bills.

Ms. Tyus requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 14 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

**A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to place Board Bills Number 17 at the end of First Reading of Board Bills.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

**12. First Reading of Board Bills**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

The Clerk read the following:

**Board Bill Number 2**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the city of St. Louis Water Division to accept Community Water Fluoridation Equipment Repair and Replacement funding; appropriating said funds; authorizing the expenditure of such funds, to the extent received; authorizing contracts and other documents to expend such funds, to the extent received; and containing an Emergency Clause.

**Board Bill Number 3**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**

This 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 5000 block of Claxton Ave.

**Board Bill Number 4**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**

This 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 1000 block of Theobald St.

**Board Bill Number 5**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**

This 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 5900 and 5800 blocks of Dressell Ave.

**Board Bill Number 6**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**

This 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 5700 and 5800 blocks of Woodland Ave.

**Board Bill Number 7**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**

This 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 5900 block of Sherry Ave.

**Board Bill Number 8**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer**

An ordinance relating to the appointment of and salaries of certain Employees in the Collector of Revenue's Office pursuant to Section 82.610, Revised Statutes of Missouri, by repealing **Ordinances Number 71966**; allocating certain other employees to a grade with rate; and including an emergency clause. The provisions of the sections contained in this ordinance shall be effective with the start of the first pay period following approval by the Mayor.

**Board Bill Number 9**

**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An Ordinance pertaining to compensation for employees under the classified service amending Ordinance 71963 approved February 2025, by amending the pay schedule in Section 2(c) and amending Section 7(a) by adding a new subsection of Section 7(a)(3). The provisions of the sections contained in this ordinance shall be effective with the start of the first pay period in which this ordinance is approved by the Mayor.

**Board Bill Number 10**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

This Board Bill relates to the appointment of and salaries of certain Employees in the Sheriff's Office pursuant to Section 57.530, Revised Statutes of Missouri, by repealing Ordinance Number 71968; allocating certain other employees to a grade with rate; and including an emergency clause. The provisions of the sections contained in this ordinance shall be effective with the start of the first pay period following approval by the mayor.

**Board Bill Number 11**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

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 5100 block of Vernon Ave.

**Board Bill Number 12**

**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An ordinance to regulate employer and employee working relationships between the City of St. Louis and all employees under the Classified Service, including a compensation plan, terms and conditions of employment, benefits, leaves of absence, and authorization for a Deferred Compensation Plan; repealing Ordinance 71963; allocating certain other employees to a grade with rate; and including an emergency clause. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after June 14, 2026 and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Board of Aldermen.

### **Board Bill Number 13**

#### **Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

Pursuant to Ordinance Number 70333, and as amended by Ordinance Number 71394, the Director of Streets is hereby directed to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic on certain blocks in the Fourteenth Ward.

### **Board Bill Number 14**

#### **Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An Ordinance to rename certain blocks of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward.

### **Board Bill Number 1**

#### **Introduced by President Megan Green**

#### **Cosponsor: Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

The proposed bill makes an appropriation for payment of Interest, Expenses and Principal of the City's Bonded Indebtedness, establishing City tax rates, and making appropriation for current year expenses of the City Government, Water Division, St. Louis Airport Commission, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Health Care Trust Fund, Use Tax Excess Trust Fund, Building Demolition Fund, Assessor, Police Contracts Fund, Communications Division, City Employee Pension Trust Fund, Forest Park Fund, Child Support Unit (Circuit Attorney's Office), Circuit Attorney Training and Collection Fee Funds, Public Administrators Fund, Port Administration Fund, Fire Department EMS GEMT Fund, Peace Officer Training Fund, Capital Improvement Projects Fund, Capital Improvements Sales Tax Trust Fund, Metro Parks Sales Tax Fund, Centralized Mailroom and Equipment Services Fuel Internal Service Funds, Tourism Fund, Lateral Sewer Fund, Public Safety Trust Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax Trust Fund, Economic Development Tax Trust Fund, Local Parks Fund, Public Safety Sales and Use Tax Fund (Prop P), Neighborhood Parks Fund, BJC/City Trust Fund, Miscellaneous Special Funds, Trustee Lease Fund, Riverfront Gaming Fund, Various Grant Funds, Tax Increment District Special Allocation Fund, City Convention and Sports Facility Trust Fund, Judgment Fund, and Employee Benefits Fund (Department of Personnel) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of One Billion, Four Hundred Fifteen Million, Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Eight Dollars (\$1,415,226,708) which sum is hereby appropriated from

Revenue and Special Funds named for the purposes hereinafter enumerated and containing an emergency clause.

**Board Bill Number 15**

**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An ordinance relating to the appointment of and salaries of certain employees of the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners (the “Election Board”) pursuant to §§ 115.045 and 115.049, Revised Statutes of Missouri (“RSMo.”), by repealing Ordinance Number 71887; allocating certain other employees to a grade with rate; and including an emergency clause. The provisions of the sections contained in this ordinance shall be effective with the start of the first pay period after approval by the Mayor.

**Board Bill Number 16**

**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An Ordinance to regulate employer and employee working relationships between the City of St. Louis and all employees under the Medical Examiner’s Office, including a compensation plan, terms and conditions of employment, benefits, leaves of absence, and authorization for a Deferred Compensation Plan; repealing Ordinance Number 71970; allocating certain other employees to a grade with rate; and including an emergency clause. The provisions of the sections contained in this ordinance shall be effective with the start of the first pay period in which this ordinance is approved by the Mayor.

**Board Bill Number 17**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus**

An Ordinance temporarily closing Blasé Avenue between Hall Street and North Broadway at the address 409 Blasé Avenue, xxx feet from the northern curb line of Blasé and N. Broadway, containing an emergency clause.

**13. Reference to Committee of Board Bills**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to the Reference to Committee of Board Bills.

The Clerk read the following:

Budget and Public Employees

**Board Bills Numbers 1, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, and 16**

Health and Human Development

None.

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee

None.

Legislation and Rules

None.

Personnel and Administration  
None.

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee  
**Board Bill Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, and 17**

Public Safety Committee  
None.

Transportation and Commerce Committee  
None.

Special Committee on Reducing Red Tap  
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. Board Bills for Perfection Calendar**

None.

**18. Report of Engrossment**

None.

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

None.

**20. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills**

None.

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

None.

**22. First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to the First Reading of Resolutions.

The Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 10  
RECOGNIZING ALS (AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS) AWARENESS MONTH 2026**

**WHEREAS**, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of new amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure for ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

**WHEREAS**, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALS Association is the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and has committed more than \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALS Association is committed to make ALS livable and cure it for everyone, everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this Honorable Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to proclaim May 1 to May 31, 2026 as ALS Awareness Month. I call upon all Americans to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2026 by:  
The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Acting President Cohn recognized Ms. Velázquez on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 10.

Ms. Velázquez asked for Unanimous Consent.

Hearing no objection Acting President directed Ms. Velázquez to continue.

Ms. Velázquez moved to adopt Resolution Number 10.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Ms. Velázquez spoke on the Resolution.

Acting Clerk Cohn directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 10

The Clerk called the roll, and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 13 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: **1**

**Ms. Keys**

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

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 11 SUPPORT FOR ST. LOUIS MAY DAY ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, May Day, or International Workers' Day, traces its origins to the 19th century and has become a day to honor workers and the long history of labor organizing; and

**WHEREAS**, this country belongs to its workers, and when people come together, combine their strength, and take bold collective action, they send a powerful message about what can be achieved together; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2026 St. Louisans will join people across the state and country in rallying, marching, and taking action to demand a nation that puts workers ahead of billionaires; and

**WHEREAS**, these actions, including No Work. No School. No Shopping. are intended to push for an economy where the wealthy pay their fair share; to keep families together; and to build a democracy where working people — Black, white, and Brown — have a stronger voice in decisions about their jobs, their government, and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, when St. Louis shows up along with millions of others on May 1st to flex their collective economic power by withholding their labor and spending, it becomes undeniable: this country should put workers over billionaires; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Aldermen pauses its deliberations to stand in solidarity with workers across St. Louis, Missouri, and the nation as they take action on May Day and continue advancing a democracy of, by, and for the people. The Clerk of the Board of Aldermen is directed to spread a

copy of this Resolution upon the official minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to those designated by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 1st day of May, 2026 by:**

**The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 4th Ward**

**Co-Sponsor:**

**The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen**

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Narayan on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 11.

Mr. Narayan asked for unanimous Consent.

Mr. Oldenburg objected to unanimous consent.

Mr. Narayan moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of adopting Resolution Number 11.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote to suspend the rules for purpose of adopting Resolution Number 11 to the First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees.

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

The following voted Aye:

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

The following voted No: **1**

Mr. Oldenburg

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

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

Ms. Keys.

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

Mr. Narayan moved to adopt Resolution Number 11.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Mr. Narayan spoke on his motion. Other members also spoke Ms. Tyus, Mr. Oldenburg, and Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Aldridge, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, and Acting President Cohn asked to be added ask to be added as Cosponsors to Resolution Number 11.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

Acting Clerk Cohn directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 11

The Clerk called the roll, and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye:

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

The following voted No: **1**

Mr. Oldenburg

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

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

Ms. Keys.

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

**23. Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions.

The Clerk Read the following:

**Report from the Personnel Committee**

Acting Clerk Cohn recognized Mr. Narayan on motion to go into closed session.

Mr. Narayan 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 Mr. Aldridge.

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

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 14 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

**A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

**The meeting was closed to the public at 10:40am**

**A Closed Session was held.**

**Mr. Narayan moved to end the closed session.**

**Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.**

Acting President Cohn 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. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 14 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

**A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

**The closed session ended at 10:52am.**

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Narayan on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 12 to the Courtesy Resolutions.

Mr. Narayan made the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 12 to the Courtesy Resolutions.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 12 to the Courtesy Resolutions.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 14 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

**A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to place Resolution Number 12 at the end of the Courtesy Resolutions.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

**24. Courtesy Resolutions**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 7  
HONORING TIM EZELL**

**WHEREAS**, Tim Ezell served as the comic relief at Fox 2, you never knew what to expect when you tuned into *Fox 2 News in the Morning*, and for 16 years he loved the opportunity to bring smiles to the people of St. Louis to start their day. Tim left in 2014 to be a full-time pastor, and then returned to Fox 2 on Saturday mornings with a non-profit television ministry called *The Thread*, which celebrated the Kingdom work being done in and around our city. *The Thread* ran for 5 seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Tim returned back to the morning beat, bringing his unique brand of fun back to *Fox 2 News in the Morning* in the role that started it all...Feature Reporter, where his unique storytelling and uplifting humor encouraged St. Louis-area residents every morning. In recent years, he's continued highlighting the people and businesses of St. Louis with the morning segments "Tim's Travels" in addition to a daily inspirational message to viewer; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim is originally from Fort Worth, Texas and is a proud graduate of Louisiana State University. He graduated from Covenant Seminary in May 2017 with his Master of Divinity. Tim is blessed with his bride of 27 years and best friend Kim. They are proud parents of 3 children: Halle, Lexi, and Andrew; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier this year, Tim and his medical team believed he met the criteria for Multiple System Atrophy (MSA). After spending a week at Mayo Clinic, prayers were answered when test results did not confirm that diagnosis. While Tim continues to face a form of Parkinson's disease that will require a long and determined fight, this news brought renewed hope and clarity for the road ahead; and

**WHEREAS**, True to who he is, Tim's humility, generosity, selflessness, and humor are well known. He has spent decades bringing light, laughter, and faith into the homes and hearts of St. Louis. Tim has always lived to serve others and as he continues this walk Faith Over Fear is not just a phrase - it's how Tim continues to live, love, lead through this season of life.

**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 thank Tim Ezell and wish him God Speed in his journey for years to come. 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 during "Faith Over Fear" A Night of Hope for Tim Ezell by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 1st day of May, 2026 by:**

**The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 8**

**RECOGNIZING THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY POD FOR THEIR ADVOCACY AND  
COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSIT AND NON-MOTORIZED  
TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Policy Pod is a student-led initiative composed of Saint Louis University students who embody the University’s mission of “Higher Purpose. Greater Good.” by dedicating themselves to advancing equitable, sustainable, and accessible transportation systems throughout the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, these students, specifically, Eric Mans, Ayla Acakpo-Satchivi, Sofia Cavanaugh, Celeb Yatchak, Tyler Michelstetter and Suna Tabag have demonstrated exceptional leadership and civic engagement by advocating for safer streets and expanded non-motorized transportation options through consistent participation in local meetings, research, and community collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, guided by a commitment to the greater good, the group has worked to improve public transportation and biking infrastructure, recognizing that mobility is essential to opportunity, equity, and quality of life for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Policy Pod played a meaningful role in supporting Saint Louis University’s “SLU on the Move” initiative, contributing to Saint Louis University’s success in winning the Metro College Transit Challenge through Citizens for Modern Transit; and

**WHEREAS**, these students have taken hands-on action to improve the daily experience of transit users by partnering with local organizations such as the Urbanists to construct bus benches and enhance rider accessibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the group has fostered a culture of learning and empowerment by helping fellow students engage with cycling as a viable form of transportation, including offering opportunities to learn bicycle repair and safe riding practices; and

**WHEREAS**, through hosting community watch parties and encouraging civic participation in Bus Rapid Transit discussions, the Transportation Policy Pod has strengthened public awareness and engagement in critical transportation initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the students have worked collaboratively with organizations including TrailNet, Citizens for Modern Transit, and the Urbanists, demonstrating a deep commitment to partnership-driven progress in public transit advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, through research, policy exploration, and direct engagement with elected officials, including members of the Board of Aldermen, these students have shown a forward-thinking dedication to issues such as reduced transit fares, bus stop standards, and the continued development of a more connected and equitable transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, this recognition marks a significant and meaningful moment, as it reflects one of the first times a student-led group has been formally honored by the Board of Aldermen for their civic leadership and impact on the future of the City of St. Louis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and commend the students of the Transportation Policy Pod of Saint Louis University’s William L. Clay, Sr. Institute of Civic Engagement and Economic Justice, through the Center for

Social Action, for their extraordinary commitment to the principles of “Higher Purpose. Greater Good.” and for their lasting contributions to improving transportation, strengthening communities, and advancing the future of the City of St. Louis. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May 2026 by:  
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 9  
HONORING BELLA’S COFFEE CAFÉ ON WASHINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, Bella’s Coffee Cafe on Washington will celebrate its grand opening on April 29, 2026, marking the introduction of a reimagined all-day café and bar in the heart of the Washington Avenue neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Bella’s Coffee Cafe on Washington is owned and operated by Corey James and Austin Blankenship, whose vision has transformed the space into a vibrant, morning-to-night destination serving residents, workers, and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, Corey James, a longtime resident and business owner in downtown St. Louis, has demonstrated a deep and ongoing commitment to the vitality of the Washington Avenue corridor through nearly two decades of living, working, and investing in the same neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Bella’s Coffee Cafe on Washington offers high-quality, locally driven products including locally roasted coffee, house-made pastries, breakfast sandwiches, and a thoughtfully curated bar program featuring local partners such as 4 Hands Brewing Co. and Stone Ledge Distillery; and

**WHEREAS**, the café’s extended hours and diverse offerings reflect the evolving needs of downtown living, providing a welcoming and accessible gathering space throughout the day and evening; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of General Manager Nicole Reed, the café builds upon its established reputation while elevating its offerings to better serve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bella’s Coffee Cafe on Washington contributes to the continued growth and walkability of the Washington Avenue neighborhood and represents the type of local reinvestment that strengthens small business development and neighborhood vibrancy; and

**WHEREAS**, this project reflects broader efforts to support economic development, activate storefronts, and enhance quality of life in downtown St. Louis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we do hereby recognize and celebrate the grand opening of Bella’s Coffee Cafe on Washington on April 29, 2026, and commend its owners and team for their dedication to community, entrepreneurship, and the continued revitalization of downtown St. Louis; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to extend our best wishes for continued success and prosperity to Bella’s Coffee Cafe on Washington as it serves as a valued gathering place and neighborhood anchor for years to come. 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 those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May 2026 by:  
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13  
THE GREYSTONE CENTENNIAL**

**WHEREAS**, in 2026, the Greystone has stood tall, strong, and stately for 100 years, and

**WHEREAS**, the Greystone has graced the Central West End of the City of St. Louis with style and comfort for this last, great century in America, and

**WHEREAS**, the Greystone was designed by premier architects Barnett, Haynes & Barnett, who also designed the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis and many of the City's stately homes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Greystone has housed thousands of distinguished and fortunate residents from all over the world in its glorious century of style, and

**WHEREAS**, the Greystone has weathered the Great Depression, wars, numerous tornados, untold lightning bolts and floods without fail, and

**WHEREAS**, the Greystone has allowed unequalled views of Saint Louis from all forty residences graced with three exposures overlooking our fair City, and

**WHEREAS**, the Greystone has hosted untold parties, rallies and get-togethers that have bound together people in common interest and joy for 100 years,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we proclaim May 17, 2026 Greystone Day in the City of Saint Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings.

**Introduced this 1st Day of May 2026 by:  
The Honorable Michael Browning, Alderman of the 9th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12**

**HONORING MR. RAY HARTMANN FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND CAREER AS A  
LONGTIME MEDIA AND PUBLIC FIGURE AND CELEBRATING HIS LEGACY AS A ST. LOUIS  
ICON**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis community mourns the sudden and tragic passing of Raymond P. "Ray" Hartmann on April 23, 2026, at the age of 73; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray Hartmann was a titan of St. Louis media, leaving an indelible mark as a fiercely independent journalist, publisher, and commentator who dedicated nearly 50 years to the civic life of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, he founded The Riverfront Times, molding it into a vital alternative newsweekly that fearlessly questioned the status quo and provided a platform for stories often overlooked by more traditional outlets; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray furthered his commitment to local storytelling by acquiring St. Louis Magazine in 1994, where as a columnist and publisher he oversaw its resurrection and revitalization for nearly a quarter of a century; and

**WHEREAS**, for 37 years, he was a foundational and quick-witted voice on Nine PBS’s “Donnybrook,” helping create one of the most-watched local public affairs programs in the country through his spirited debates and unwavering principles; and

**WHEREAS**, his career began with academic excellence as a twice-serving editor-in-chief of The Maneater at the University of Missouri, followed by work as a speechwriter for Governor Christopher “Kit” Bond, showcasing his early ability to bridge political divides; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray’s legacy extends beyond the page and the screen as a mentor who launched and fostered the careers of countless journalists and as a community leader who recently sought to serve his neighbors as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, his warmth, humor, and deep love for his family—including his wife, Kerri, and his children, Benjamin and Brielle—were as central to his character as his professional tenacity;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Ray Hartmann, a true St. Louis icon, and extend our deepest condolences to his family and the community he so passionately served. 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 1st Day of May 2026 by:  
The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman of the 4th Ward**

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

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Narayan.

Mr. Narayan spoke on Resolution Number 12, and asked for a moment of silence.

Acting President Cohn led the members in a moment of silence.

Acting President Cohn recognized Ms. Velázquez.

Ms. Velázquez asked to be added as a Cosponsor to Resolution Number 12.

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to add Ms. Velázquez as a cosponsor to Resolution Number 12.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge.

Mr. Aldridge spoke on Resolution Number 8, and also asked to be added as a cosponsor to Resolution Numbers 7 and 9.

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to added Mr. Cohn to Resolution Number 7 and 9 as a cosponsor.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

Mr. Aldridge made a motion to Enbanc Resolution Number 12.

Seconded by Mr. Oldenburg.

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to call the roll to Enbanc Resolution Number 12.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **A total of 14 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

**A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

Acting President Cohn asked to be added as a cosponsor top Resolution Numbers 7 and 9.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

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

**The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**25. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

None.

**26. Announcements**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to Announcements.

The Clerk read the following:

***MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026***

***BUDGET AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES – 9:30AM – KENNEDY ROOM***

***POET LAUREATE TASK FORCE MEETING – 4PM - WEBINAR***

***TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026***

***BUDGET AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES – 9:30AM – KENNEDY ROOM***

***WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026***

***BUDGET AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES – 9:30AM – KENNEDY ROOM***

***THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026***

***BUDGET AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES – 9:30AM – KENNEDY ROOM***

***FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026***

***FULL BOARD MEETING – 10AM - CHAMBERS***

**27. Excused Aldermen**

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to excuse.

Mr. Aldridge moved to excuse President Green for necessary absence.

Seconded by Ms. Velázquez.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote to excuse President Green for necessary absence.

**The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**28. Adjournment**

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the adjournment motion.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adjourn the meeting until Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded Mr. Oldenburg.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to adjourn until Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10am in the Chambers.

**The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.**

**Submitted by:  
Sharita Rogers  
Clerk  
St. Louis Board of Aldermen**