



**Minutes**  
**St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Friday, May 8, 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: Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Boyd, and Mr. Aldridge. **10 members were present. A quorum was established.**

*Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, and Ms. Velázquez arrived while the meeting was in progress, making a total of 13 members present.*

**3. Opening Reflection or Prayer**

Acting President Cohn recognized Sandra Marks, to lead the members in the opening reflection/prayer, for ALS month

Ms. Marks led the members in the reflection/prayer.

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

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge for the purpose of suspending the rules to introduce Resolution Number 17 to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Mr. Aldridge moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 17 to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 17 to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

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

The following voted Aye:

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

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

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to place Resolution Numbers 17 at the end of Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

Acting President Cohn invited Ms. Boyd and her honored guest, Kenneth Roberts, who has retired from STL TV, to the dais to present Resolution Number 14.

Ms. Boyd spoke on the Resolution. Other members who spoke included Ms. Tyus, and Acting President Cohn.

Acting President Cohn asked that Resolution Number 14 be read aloud.

The Clerk read Resolution Number 14 in its entirety.

Ms. Keys moved to place Resolution Numbers 14 Enbanc.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to place Resolution Numbers 14 Enbanc.

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

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

**Acting President Cohn resumed the meeting after the photo.**

**Adoption of the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar**

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

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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

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

**5. Introduction of Honored Guests**

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

Acting President Cohn recognized members to introduced their honored guests.

Members of the Board were allowed to recognize and introduce their honored guests.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Friday, May 1, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Mr. Aldridge moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, May 1, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, May 1, 2026 Full Board meeting.

**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**

*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 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.

**Effective Date: May 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72137**

**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.

**Effective Date: May 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72138**

**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.

**Effective Date: May 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72139**

**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.

**Effective Date: May 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72140**

**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.

**Effective Date: April 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72141**

**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.

**Effective Date: May 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72142**

**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

**Effective Date: May 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72143**

**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.

**Effective Date: May 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72144**

**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.

**Effective Date: April 30, 2026**

**Ordinance Number: 72145**

**b.) Office of the Mayor**

**Detention Facility Oversight Board**

May 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 individual for appointment to the **Detention Facility Oversight Board**.

- The appointment of **Dr. Mark Mullen**, who resides in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, and whose term will expire on **January 20, 2029**

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment.

Sincerely,

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

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Narayan on the approval Mayor's appointment to the **Detention Facility Oversight Board**.

Mr. Narayan made the motion to send the Mayor's appointments to the **Detention Facility Oversight Board** to the Public Safety Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Oldenburg.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to send the Mayor's appointment to the **Detention Facility Oversight Board** to the Public Safety Committee.

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

**Senior Citizen' Service Fund Board**

May 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 individual for reappointment to the **Senior Citizen' Service Fund Board**

- The reappointment of **Karl Wilson**, who resides in 14th Ward, and whose term will expire on April 17, 2030.

I respectfully request your approval of this reappointment.

Sincerely,

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

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment to the **Senior Citizen' Service Fund Board**.

Mr. Aldridge moved to send the Mayor's reappointment to the **Senior Citizen' Service Fund Board** to the Health and Human Development Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to send the Mayor's reappointment to

the **Senior Citizen' Service Fund Board** to the Health and Human Development Committee.

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

**2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District**

May 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 individual for appointment to the **2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District**

- The appointment of **Stephanie Curran**, serving as a legally authorized representative of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the owner of real property within the district, whose term expires **November 4, 2027**, fulfilling the unexpired term of Cynthia Schon.

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment.

Sincerely,

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

Acting President Cohn recognized Ms. Keys on the approval Mayor's appointment to the **2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District.**

Ms. Keys made the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District.**

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District.**

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

**Mental Health Board**

May 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 individual for reappointment to the **Mental Health Board**.

- The reappointment of **Janice Thomas**, who resides in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, serving as an at-large member, whose term will expire on **March 25, 2026**.

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment.

Sincerely,

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

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the approval Mayor's reappointment to the **Mental Health Board**.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to send the Mayor's reappointment to the **Mental Health Board** to the Health and Human Development Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to send the Mayor's reappointment to the **Mental Health Board** to the Health and human Development Committee.

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

**Airport Arts Advisory Committee**

May 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 individual for appointment to the **Airport Arts Advisory Committee**

- The appointment of **Margaret McDonald**, who resides in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, whose term will expire on **December 10, 2029**.

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment.

Sincerely,

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

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the approval Mayor's appointment to the **Airport Arts Advisory Committee**.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to send the Mayor's appointment to the **Airport Arts Advisory Committee** to the Transportation and Commerce Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to send the Mayor's appointment to the **Airport Arts Advisory Committee** to the Transportation and Commerce Committee.

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

**Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)**

May 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 individual for appointment to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)**

- The appointment of **Jim Malle**, who resides in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, 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 Mr. Oldenburg on the approval Mayor's appointment to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)**.

Mr. Oldenburg made the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Clean Energy**

**Development Board (PACE).**

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Acting President Cohn recognized Ms. Tyus.

Ms. Tyus request that the Mayor's appointment for **Clean Energy Development Board** be sent to a committee.

Mr. Oldenburg withdrew his motion.

Mr. Aldridge withdrew his second.

Mr. Oldenburg made the motion to send the Mayor's appointment to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)** to the Legislation and Rules Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

After further discussion, Mr. Oldenburg withdrew his motion.

Mr. Aldridge withdrew his second.

Mr. Oldenburg made a motion to send the Mayor's appointment to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)** to the Health and Human Development Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Boyd.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to send the Mayor's appointment to the **Clean Energy Development Board (PACE)** to the Health and Human Development Committee.

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

**Cherokee Street Community Improvement District**

May 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 individual for reappointment to the **Cherokee Street Community Improvement District**.

- The reappointment of **Kaveh Razani**, serving as a business owner operating in the district, whose term will expire on March 16, 2027.

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment.

Sincerely,

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

Acting President Cohn recognized Ms. Sonnier on the approval Mayor's reappointment to the **Cherokee Street Community Improvement District**.

Ms. Sonnier made the motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment to the **Cherokee Street Community Improvement District**.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment to the **Cherokee Street Community Improvement District**.

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

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 Ms. Cox Antwi on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill number 21 to the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

Ms. Cox Antwi made the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill number 21 to the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Cox Antwi spoke on the Board Bill.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill number 21 to the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Acting President Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, 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:

None.

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

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to add Board Bill Number 21 at the end of the First Reading of Board Bills.

## **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 18**

#### **Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti**

An ordinance authorizing the honorary street name Sister Felicetta Cola Avenue pursuant to Ordinance Number 68604, which shall begin at the intersection of Wilson Avenue and Macklind Avenue and run East on Wilson Avenue to the intersection of Wilson Avenue and Edwards Street.

### **Board Bill Number 19**

#### **Introduced by Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi**

An ordinance amending Ordinance 70767 to extend the sunset date of the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program for the City of St. Louis to December 31, 2026.

### **Board Bill Number 20**

#### **Introduced by Alderman Thomas Oldenburg**

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 on various blocks in the second ward.

**Board Bill Number 21**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Jami Cox Antwi**

This Board Bill amends Ordinance 66935 and authorizes the execution of a Second Amendment Lease Agreement between The City of St. Louis, Missouri (the “City”) and Material Sales Company (“Lessee”) for certain land and mooring between the MacArthur Bridge and the Poplar Street Bridge under certain terms and conditions for a period of (5) years, at a rate of \$17,812.72 for the first year and increasing by three (3) percent each year thereafter.

**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  
None.

Health and Human Development  
None.

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee  
None.

Legislation and Rules  
**Board Bill Number 19.**

Personnel and Administration  
None.

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee  
**Board Bill Numbers 18 and 20.**

Public Safety Committee  
None.

Transportation and Commerce Committee  
**Board Bill Number 21.**

Special Committee on Reducing Red Tap  
None.

**14. Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to the Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees.

The Clerk read the following:

**Board Bill Number 9**  
**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge/Mayor Spencer/President Megan Green/Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez/Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier/Alderwoman Michael Browning**

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.

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to suspend the rules in order to place Board Bill Number 9 on the Regular Perfection Calendar

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to suspend the rules in order to place Board Bill Number 9 on the Regular Perfection Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Velázquez.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote to suspend the rules in order to place Board Bill Number 9 on the Regular Perfection Calendar

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

The following voted Aye:

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

The following voted No:

None.

The following voted Present: **1**

Ms. Tyus.

The following Abstained:

None.

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

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

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to add Board Bill Number 9 to the Regular Perfection Calendar.

**The Clerk acknowledged.**

**15. Report of Special Committees**

None.

**16. Board Bills for Perfection – Consent Calendar**

None.

**17. Board Bills for Perfection Calendar**

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to the Board Bills for Perfection Calendar.

The Clerk read the following:

**Board Bill Number 9**

**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge/Mayor Cara Spencer/President Megan Green/Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez/Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier/Alderwoman Michael Browning**

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.

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to Perfect Board Bill Number 9.

Mr. Aldridge moved to Perfect Board Bill Number 9.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier

Mr. Aldridge spoke on the bill.

Acting President Cohn recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to introduce a Floor Substitute to Board Bill Number 9.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to introduce a Floor Substitute to Board Bill Number 9.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Tyus requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection

**The motion carried.**

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

The following voted Aye:

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

The following voted No:

None.

The following voted Present: **1**

Ms. Tyus.

The following Abstained:

None.

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

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

Mr. Aldridge spoke on the Floor Substitute. Other members who spoke included Ms. Tyus.

Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Cox Antwi, and Acting President Cohn asked to be added as cosponsors to Board Bill Number 9FS

Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to add Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Cox Antwi, and Acting President Cohn as cosponsors to Board Bill Number 9FS

**The Clerk Acknowledged.**

*During the discussion, there was no motion made to Perfect Board Bill Number 9FS.*

**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**

None.

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

None.

**24. Courtesy Resolutions**

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

The Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14  
HONORING KENNETH ROBERTS**

**WHEREAS** stand by...Quiet on the set...In 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 CUE...Kenneth Roberts, the longest-serving Video Engineer in the Communications Division at STL TV, has heard that countdown thousands of times while dedicating 33 years of service to the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS** throughout his career, Ken has been instrumental in advancing the station through the ever-evolving landscape of television technology. From VHS to Super VHS, to DVC Pro, and ultimately to digital formats, his leadership has helped guide STL TV through each major transition; and

**WHEREAS**, in STL TV needed a remote production truck to cover live events, Ken delivered. Through his dedication, hard work, and vision in building the 4-401 production truck, STL TV was able to expand its capabilities and produce impactful programming; and

**WHEREAS**, one notable example is the STL JFL Monday Night Football series, which showcased young athletes ages 7 to 13 from City Recreation, the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club, the Mathews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club, and throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area. In 2002, this program earned an Emmy nomination for Best Live Sports Coverage alongside KSDK Channel 5 and FOX 2; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken’s expertise and performance as a Video Engineer have contributed significantly to STL TV earning numerous local and national awards, solidifying its reputation as one of the premier government access channels in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Ken developed and implemented a solo-operational system for broadcasting Board of Aldermen committee meetings in the Kennedy Hearing Room and Leisure Room. Later, in 2022, he oversaw the installation of an upgraded video production system in both the Kennedy Hearing Room and the Board of Aldermen Chambers. This upgrade introduced the capability for aldermen to participate in meetings virtually via Zoom; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken is widely known for his meticulous attention to detail in production setup. Over the course of his tenure, STL TV has produced more than 15,000 television programs—meaning Ken has likely performed over 10,000 camera white balances to ensure top-quality broadcasts; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2026, Ken retired from his distinguished career as a Video Engineer, stepping away from behind the camera to embrace a well-earned retirement with his wife, Jeannine, of 53 years, their loving family of children and grandchildren.

**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 celebrate Ken’s outstanding career and lasting contributions to STL TV. Although no one could FADE to BLACK on this performance, we wish him all the best on his well-deserved retirement. 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 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2026 by:**

**The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Cosponsors:**

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

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 15 NOT USED THIS SESSION**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 16**

#### **RECOGNIZING 40 YEARS OF ST. LOUIS EFFORT FOR AIDS & VIVENT HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, in the summer of 1985, the St. Louis LGBTQIA+ community – lead by area drag queens – banded together to raise money, then provided that funding to turn an idea into *St. Louis Effort for AIDS*; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis Effort for AIDS' mission is to provide education on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and comprehensive support services to those affected by the disease and their vision was for individuals and communities to be educated about HIV/AIDS and fully empowered to address this preventable disease without stigma, fear or hate; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis Effort for AIDS core values are leading through collaboration, respecting the dignity of all, serving with compassion and integrity, empowering our clients, embracing a diverse community, shaping services to meet changing needs, and sharing information and expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis Effort for AIDS provides quality services, programs, and assistance to members of the St. Louis LGBTQIA+ community living with HIV by responding to emergency calls, unmet healthcare needs, and community outcry; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, when St. Louis Effort AIDS merged with AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, to become Vivent Health, it offered a new model of care to people living with HIV in St. Louis while also helping better prevent new HIV infections, reduce AIDS-related deaths, stigma and other barriers to testing, care and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the common thread of our history propels us forward today as we do all we can to rid the world of AIDS, by uniting patients, providers, dedicated volunteers, staff and stakeholders, and providing care to all without question with the greatest of expertise and with uncompromising compassion in Vivent Health's vision to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Louis Effort for AIDS and Vivent Health providing excellence in HIV Care and Prevention Services; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to proclaim May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as "St. Louis Effort for AIDS & Vivent Health Day." I call upon all St. Louisans to join in supporting research, advocating for increased funding, advancing care, and standing in solidarity with those affected by HIV and AIDS. 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026 by:**  
**The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

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

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 17 HONORING QUEEN DENISE THIMES**

**WHEREAS**, the Mission of The Mildred Thimes Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer is to create awareness, educate communities, assist individuals and families, and collaborate with research institutions that create life-changing results in the fight against pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mildred Thimes Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer is proud to announce the 30th Annual Mother's Day Concert and Lavish Buffet Dinner catered by the award winning Ces and Judy's catering. This

landmark celebration of compassion and commitment to families and individuals stricken with the disease of pancreatic cancer will bring together community along with past CEO's and Presidents of some of St. Louis's major corporations for an unforgettable evening of music curated by St. Louis's own renowned Jazz Vocalist Denise Thimes as we celebrate St. Louis's finest, "Our Mothers the Givers of Life"; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 2012 by Denise Thimes and Johnny Furr, Jr., former Vice President of Community Affairs at Anheuser-Busch Companies the Foundation was established in loving memory of Mildred Thimes, Denise's mother, who passed away from pancreatic cancer in 1997 at a time when awareness of the disease was tragically limited. What began as a personal mission has grown into a powerful force for change, touching the lives of countless patients and families across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the number 30 represents a transition into a new phase where spiritual wisdom is applied to life's purpose, often linked to creativity, optimism, and harmonic balance and marks the commencement of ministry or leadership in dedication to a particular task or calling. Denise notes "30 years ago, we made a promise to my mother and to every family affected by this disease to keep fighting until we find a cure and this anniversary is not just a celebration of how far we've come, it is a renewed commitment to how far we will go. Every dollar raised, every story shared, every life touched is a testament to what love in action looks like"; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 30 years, the Foundation has provided direct financial assistance to pancreatic cancer patients and their families, helping cover essential needs including hospital care, childcare, pharmaceuticals, and personal care items. Guided by a twenty-three-member Board of Directors, the organization has also partnered with research institutions dedicated to creating life-changing results in the fight against pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the 30th Annual Mother's Day Concert and Dinner promises to be an evening as beautiful as the legacy it celebrates and proceeds from this event will benefit The Foundation's patient charitable fund, directly supporting families navigating the challenges of a pancreatic cancer diagnosis; and

**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 Queen Denise Thimes for her many contributions to The City of St. Louis and celebrate 30 years of service and love through The Mildred Thimes Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer. 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 our The Denise Thimes and Friends 30th Annual Special Mother's Day Concert by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026 by:  
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Courtesy Resolution was adopted under the Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day.**

**25. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**  
None.

**26. Announcements**  
Acting President Cohn directed the Clerk to Announcements.

The Clerk read the following:

***MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026  
BUDGET AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES – 9:30AM – KENNEDY ROOM***

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026**

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

**PUBLIC INFRASTRURE AND UTILITIES - 3:30PM – KENNEDY ROOM**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – 9AM -WEBINAR**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2026**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2026**

**BUDGET AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES – 10AM HERBERT HOOVER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB – 2901 N. GRAND BLVD.**

**27. Excused Aldermen**

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

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

Seconded by Ms. Velázquez.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote to excuse President Green and Mr. Devoti 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 15, 2026 at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded Ms. Velázquez.

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to adjourn until Friday, May 15, 2026 at 10am in the Chambers.

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.**

**Submitted by:  
Sharita Rogers  
Clerk**

