



Minutes

St. Louis Housing, Urban Development & Zoning Committee Special Meeting Thursday, June 5, 2025

3:30 PM

Kennedy Room

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered to their names: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Sonnier, and Ms.aura Keys. **4 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Board Bills for Review

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

Discussion Item Number 1

Board Bill Number 28

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Cosponsors: Mayor Cara Spencer, President Megan Green, Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, and Alderwoman Laura Keys

An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, appropriating the sum of Four Million Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$4,999,526) in Community Development Block Grant funds to the Community Development Administration; authorizing and directing the Director of the Community Development Administration ("CDA") to execute contracts as may be necessary to expend funds; authorizing and directing the Comptroller to ssue warrants thereon

upon the City Treasury; and containing emergency and severability clauses.

The Chair handed the meeting over to the Vice-Chair so she could bring forth Board Bill Number 28.

The Vice-Chair recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard to speak on Board Bill Number 28.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard stated Mr. Nauhel Fefer, Executive Director of the Community Development Association, will provide a presentation on Board Bill Number 28.

Mr. Fefer provided a presentation explaining Board Bill Number 28, the Tornado Disaster Relief Fund.

Casey Millburg, Policy Director in Mayor Spencer's office, thanked everyone for working together to secure the necessary funds for the community.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

The committee members asked questions and made suggestions.

Ms. Keys made a motion to En Banc Board Bill Number 28

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier

The Vice-Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to En Banc Board Bil Number 28.

The following voted Aye: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Ms. Keys.

The following voted No: None

The Following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed.

After no further comment, the Vice-Chair recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard to close on Board Bill Number 28.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard requested a Do Pass recommendation on Board Bill Number 28

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to pass Board Bill Number 28 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation

Ms. Schweitzer moved to pass Board Bill Number 28 out of Committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Ms. Schweitzer requested previous roll

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated Board Bill Number 28 has passed out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from previous roll: The following voted Aye: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Ms. Keys.

The following voted No: None The following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed

Discussion Item Number 2

Board Bill Number 29

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Cosponsors: Mayor Cara Spencer, President Megan Green, Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez and Alderwoman Laura Keys

An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a grant agreement with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the receipt of Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) funding; appropriating the sum of Six Million Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$6,999,198) in PRO Housing funds to the Community Development Administration; authorizing and directing the Director of the Community Development Administration (“CDA”) to execute contracts as may be necessary to expend funds; authorizing and directing the Comptroller to issue warrants thereon upon the City Treasury; and containing emergency and severability clauses.

The Chair recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on Board Bill Number 29.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard recognized Nauhel Fefer to speak on Board Bill 29.

Mr. Fefer provided an overview of Board Bill Number 29, the Pathways to Reducing Obstacles to affordable housing.

Ms. Casey Millburg again thanked everyone for working together to get this bill out to help the impacted community.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

The committee members asked questions and made suggestions.

Ms. Keys made a motion to En Banc Board Bill Number 29

Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer.

Ms. Schweitzer requested previous roll

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated Board Bill Number 29 has been En Banc.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from previous roll: The following voted Aye: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Ms. Keys.

The following voted No: None

The following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed

After no further discussion, the chair opened the committee hearing to the public.

Not Determined/Undecided

1. Chris Wilcox

After no further comments from the committee, the Vice-Chair recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard to close on Board Bill Number 29.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard requested a Do Pass recommendation on Board Bill Number 29

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to pass Board Bill Number 29 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation

Ms. Schweitzer moved to pass Board Bill Number 29 out of Committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Ms. Schweitzer requested previous roll

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated Board Bill Number 28 has passed out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from previous roll: The following voted Aye: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Ms. Keys.

The following voted No: None The following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

Discussion Item Number 1

Impacted Tenants Form Application

The committee will review and discuss the application form for tenants in the tornado disaster-impacted areas as outlined in Board Bill Number 23 and related disaster legislation.

The Chair recognized Mr. Aldridge to speak on the Impacted Tenants Form Application.

Mr. Aldridge provided information on what the application process would entail.

Mr. Aldridge introduced Ms. Valeria Russell, the Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services.

Ms. Russell provided information on who would be eligible for the funds and how they would determine who qualifies.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion to members of the committee for questions and comments.

The committee asked questions and made suggestions.

Ms. Schweitzer stated that if the residents receiving the money can use it for purposes other than housing, how will that be communicated?

Ms. Russell indicated that there will be guidelines for eligibility and the intended use of the funds. However, they currently lack a method to verify whether the money has been spent on different purposes.

Mr. Cohn inquired whether the application had been reviewed by the City Counselor's Office.

Ms. Russell stated that the application was not approved by the City Counselor's office. However, they were instrumental in the development of the contract for the distribution of the funds.

After no further discussion, the chair opened the committee hearing to the public.

In Support

1. Chris Wilcox

2. Alvonina Crayton

No further comment was taken on this matter.

VII Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

- None

VIII Announcements

- None

IX. Excused Members

The Chair excused Mr. Browning for necessary absence.

X. Adjournment

Having no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting by voice vote at 5:11 pm

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