



Minutes

St. Louis Housing, Urban Development & Zoning Committee Special Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

11:00 AM

Kennedy Room

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll, and the following members answered to their names: Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, and President Green 5 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)

Board Bill Number 31

Introduced by President Megan Green

Cosponsors: Mayor Cara Spencer, Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Alderwoman Pamela Boyd, Alderman Michael Browning, Alderwoman Laura Keys, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderman Shane Cohn, Alderman Bret Narayan, Alderman Matt Devoti, Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez, and Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing and directing an appropriation in the total amount of Thirty Million and 0/100ths (\$30,000,000.00) Dollars of Rams Settlement Funds for deposit into the Tornado Relief and Recovery Fund, with amounts as described herein; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

The Chair recognized President Green on Board Bill Number 31

President Green provided an introduction and overview of Board Bill Number 31.

President Green stated she had an amendment for Board Bill Number 31 that the Comptroller's Office requested.

Amendment No. 1 To Board Bill No. 31

Amendment Sponsor: President Megan Green

To amend said Board Bill, Page 6, Line 2, to Page 6, Line 2, as follows:

Beginning on Page 6, Line 2, after: "Exhibit A." insert the following words and figures:

"d. All contracts executed to expend Tornado Relief and Recovery Funds shall contain a provision explicitly stating that, in the event of a violation of this ordinance or a determination of fund misuse, the disbursed funds shall be subject to clawback."

President Green asked that there be a motion to adopt Amendment 1.

Ms. Schweitzer made a motion to adopt Amendment Number 1 to Board Bill 31.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to adopt the Amendment to Board Bill Number 31.

The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Aldridge, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, and President Green.

The following voted No: None

The Following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public.

In-Support

1. Josephine Perkins
2. Christopher Gladney
3. Jay Ozier
4. Kenneth McLamb
5. Ruby Gittelsohn
6. Zaki Barrito
7. Eckenge Mayebe

Not Determined

1. Justina Cramer
2. Karen Greer

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee.

Mr. Cohn stated that he had two amendments to ensure the language in the bill aligns with the language in the state and federal declaration, and President Green has agreed to adopt them as friendly amendments.

Ms. Sonnier inquired about the process for ensuring that uninsured or under-insured individuals can access these resources.

President Green stated that this bill grants the Mayor's office the authority to decide how the funds will be spent, including the issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs). The goal is to issue the RFPs quickly. Additionally, city departments may play a key role in this process, as the aim is to distribute the funds to the community without delay.

Ms. Sonnier made a motion to EN Banc Board Bill Number 31AA.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Mr. Aldridge requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated Board

Bill Number 31AA has been En Banc.

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

The following voted No: None

The following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed

The Chair entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 31AA.

Amendment No. 2 To Board Bill No. 31

Amendment Sponsor: Shane Cohn

To amend said Board Bill, Page 2, Line 19, to as follows:

Beginning on Page 2, Line 19, insert into the definition of: "Tornado.

"Tornado" shall mean the areas affected by the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding on May 16, 2025

Ms. Sonnier made a motion to adopt Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 31AA.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Mr. Aldridge requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated that Amendment 2 has been adopted to Board Bill Number 31AA

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

The following voted No: None

The following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed

Ms. Sonnier made a motion to adopt Amendment Number 3 to Board Bill Number 31AA

Amendment No. 3 To Board Bill No. 31

Amendment Sponsor: Shane Cohn

To amend said Board Bill, Page 2, Line 19, to as follows:

Beginning on Page 5, Line 21, Monies from the Tornado Relief and Recovery Fund may only be used for persons, property, or public infrastructure impacted by the tornado. The City of St. Louis shall, to the best of their ability, fast-track verification of aid eligibility requirements for residents and property owners of the City of St. Louis, with prioritization given to Impacted Areas, as defined in **Exhibit A**.

Seconded by Ms. Cohn.

Mr. Aldridge requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated that Amendment 3 has been adopted to Board Bill Number 31AA

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

The following voted No: None

The following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed

The Chair recognized President Green to close this conversation.

President Green expressed gratitude to everyone for their efforts on this Board Bill and looks forward to passing it out of committee on Thursday evening.

No further discussion on this matter.

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 on the Impacted Tenant Application.

Mr. Aldridge provided an update on the application that was discussed in the previous meeting. He mentioned that the updates were requested by colleagues and other agencies. Additionally, he noted that the Department of Human Services has been working diligently to prepare the application so that progress can move forward.

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. Sonnier inquired about the impact on month-to-month renters.

Mr. Aldridge stated they would use the current lease, and Employment Connections would work with tenants who are on month-to-month rentals.

After there was no further discussion, the Chair recognized Mr. Aldridge to

close.

Mr. Aldridge asked for the committee's favorable consideration of the Impacted Tenant Application.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the Impacted Tenant Application.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the Impacted Tenant Application.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Mr. Aldridge requested previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated the Impacted Tenant Application has been approved.

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

The following voted No: None

The following abstained: None

The following were present but did not vote: None

A total of Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0 were cast. The motion passed.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

All members were present.

X. Adjournment

Having no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting by voice vote at 12:27

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