



**Preliminary
Minutes
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting
Regular Meeting
Friday, June 12, 2026
10:00am**

Board of Aldermen Chambers

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, and Ms. Boyd arrived while the meeting was in progress, making a total of 15 members present.

3. Opening Reflection or Prayer

Ms. Tiffany Lacy Clark CEO of Behavioral Health Response (BHR) provided an opening reflection for the meeting.

4. Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day

None.

5. Introduction of Honored Guests

President Green directed the meeting to the Introduction of Honored Guests.

President Green recognized Mr. Browning for the purpose of introducing honored guests.

Mr. Browning recognized members of the City of Saint Louis Water Division and cited the work they have done for the City of Saint Louis.

6. Approval of Minutes

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the from Friday June 5, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of the Friday June 5, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday June 5, 2026 Full Board meeting.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Report of City Officials

President Green directed the Clerk to read the Report of City Officials.

The Clerk read the following:

a. Report of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

The following Board Bill from the 2026-2027 Legislative Session was Third Read and Finally passed by the Board, signed by the President and delivered to the Mayor for their signature pursuant to law. The list below shows the Bill Number, Name of the Sponsor and Date Delivered:

Bill Number	Name of Sponsor	Date Delivered
BB #12	Aldridge	06-05-2026

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

Bill Number	Name of Sponsor	Date Delivered	Ordinance Number
BB #138	Sonnier	05-10-2026	72148

The following Board Bills from the 2026-2027 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:

Bill Number	Name of Sponsor	Date Delivered	Ordinance Number
BB #9FS	Aldridge	05-10-2026	72147
BB #2	Schweitzer	06-01-2026	72149

b.) Office of the Mayor

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 **Grove Community Improvement District**.

The appointment of **Jess Watson** serving as a property owner in the district, whose term will expire on June 30, 2028 fulfilling the unexpired term of Kimberly Smith – Drake.

Sincerely,

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

President Green recognized Mr. Browning on the approval Mayor's appointment to the **Grove Community Improvement District**

Mr. Browning made the motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the **Grove Community Improvement District**

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

The motion passed by voice vote.

c.) **Office of the Comptroller**
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.

12. **First Reading of Board Bills**
President Green recognized Ms. Keys on the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of introducing **Board Bill Number #44** to the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

Ms. Keys moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of introducing **Board Bill Number #44** to the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote to suspend the rules in order to introduce **Board Bill Number# 44** 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. Cohn, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge and President Green. **A total of 13 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None.

The following were present but did not vote:

None.

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

President Green instructed the Clerk to place Board Bill Number 44 at the end of the First Reading of Board Bills.

12. First Reading of Board Bills

B.B. #38 – Keys - Pursuant to Ordinance Number 70333 as amended by Ordinance Number 71394 to calm the flow of traffic to calm the flow of traffic on the 4400 and 4500 blocks of Warne Avenue.

B.B. #39 – Keys – Pursuant to Ordinance Number 70333 as amended by Ordinance Number 71394 to calm the flow of traffic to calm the flow of traffic on East Prairie Avenue between the intersections of East Prairie Avenue and Natural Bridge Avenue and East Prairie Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive.

B.B. #40 – Schweitzer – An ordinance to amend the geographic boundaries of the Loughborough Commons Community Improvement District.

B.B. #41 – Sonnier – An Ordinance establishing the definition of Community Development Corporation (CDC) and CDC certification framework; and containing a severance clause and emergency clause.

B.B. #42 – Cox Antwi – An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in Marion Street from 10th Street to its terminus at I-44 abutting City Blocks 388 and 389 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.

B.B. #43 – Schweitzer – An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment amending Ordinance Number 71393, Ordinance Number 71494, Ordinance Number 71554, Ordinance Number 71555, Ordinance Number 71561, Ordinance Number 71591, Ordinance Number 71592, Ordinance Number 71650, Ordinance Number 71840, Ordinance Number 71864,

and Ordinance Number 72125 by reappropriating certain amounts specified herein in an aggregate amount of Two Million Five-Hundred Twenty Thousand Four-Hundred Thirty-Six and 86/100ths dollars (\$2,520,436.86) for water infrastructure replacement and repair; and with an emergency clause.

B.B. #44 – Keys An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and Comptroller of the City of Saint Louis to execute upon receipt and consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) an other good and valuable consideration a quick claim deed to remiss release and for every quick claim unto Willie Jarman certain city owned property located in city block 4411A which property is known and numbered as 4052 Camilla Avenue.

13.

Reference to Committee of Board Bills

President Green 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
Board Bill Number 40, 41 & 44

Legislation and Rules
None.

Personnel and Administration
None.

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee
Board Bill Numbers: 38, 39, 42, & 43

Public Safety Committee
None.

Transportation and Commerce Committee
None.

Special Committee on Reducing Red Tap
None.

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

The following board bill was reported out of HUDZ with a “Do Pass Recommendation”.

B.B. # 22AAIC - President Megan E. Green, Mayor Cara Spencer - An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating the sum of two hundred and thirty million and 0/100ths dollars (\$230,000,000.00) of Rams Settlement Funds for deposit into various new special funds to rebuild North St. Louis from the May 16th tornado and decades of disinvestment, support infrastructure and neighborhoods citywide, and revitalize Downtown to increase revenue for the entire city with amounts as described herein; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

The following board bill was reported out of Personnel and Administration with a “Do Pass Recommendation”.

B.B. #37AAIC – Aldridge/Pres. Green/Devoti/Boyd/Cohn – An ordinance pertaining to compensation for employees of the Board of Aldermen and authorizing a one-time supplemental payment. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon approval by the Mayor.

The following board bill was reported out of Budget and Public Employees with a “Do Pass Recommendation”.

B.B. #8 – Schweitzer/Sonnier/Aldridge – 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.

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of moving Board Bill 37 as amended in committee to the Regular Perfection Calendar.

Mr. Aldridge moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of for the purpose of moving **Board Bill 37** as amended in committee to the Regular Perfection Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn

President Green called for the vote to suspend the rules in order for the purpose of moving **Board Bill #37** as amended in committee to the Regular Perfection Calendar.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge and President Green. **A total of 15 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 15 votes were cast. The motion carried.

15. Report of Special Committees

None.

16. Board Bills for Perfection – Consent Calendar

B.B. #15-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.

B.B. #16-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.

B.B. #26AAIC- Aldridge- The Board Bill repeals Ordinance Number 71965 relating to the position, classifications and salaries of the Treasurer’s Office employees and enacting in lieu thereof a new ordinance dealing with the same subject matter and containing 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 of the Mayor.

B.B. #31-Clark Hubbard/Aldridge- An ordinance making appropriation for payment of the operating expenses, capital expenses, including lease purchase agreements and debt service expenses of the Parking Division of the Treasurer’s Office for fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in the sum of Twenty-One Million, Thirty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$21,037,966) including One Million, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$1,475,768) for Capital Improvements; containing an emergency clause.

B.B. #18 - Devoti/Browning- 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.

B.B. #23 – Devoti – 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 5th ward.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on the motion to adopt the board bills for the perfect consent calendar.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to adopt the board bills for the perfect consent calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge

The motion carried by voice vote.

17. Board Bills for Perfection Calendar

B.B. #10 – Clark Hubbard/Aldridge – An ordinance relating 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 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.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on the perfection of **Board Bill #10**.

Ms. Clark Hubbard requested **Board Bill #10** be placed on the Informal Calendar.

This was noted by the Clerk.

B.B.#25AIC-Browning/Cohn/Boyd/CoxAntwi/Devoti/Schweitzer/Clark Hubbard/Velazquez- An ordinance pertaining to water rates; finding, determining and declaring that an increase in certain water rates is necessary for certain purposes, defining certain terms; repealing and replacing parts of Ordinance 71683 which are presently codified as Sections 23.06.130, 23.16.025, 23.16.040, 23.18.015, 23.18.070, 23.20.015, 23.20.020, 23.20.030, and 23.20.040 of the Revised Code of The City of St. Louis (“Revised Code”) and amending parts of Ordinance 71683 which are presently codified as Sections 23.16.020 and 23.04.220 of the Revised Code; all having as their subject water rates and charges; and containing an emergency provision.

President Green recognized Mr. Browning on the perfection of **Board Bill #25 as Amended in Committee**.

Mr. Browning moved to perfect **Board Bill # 25 as Amended in Committee**.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Mr. Browning moved to adopt Amendment #1 to **Board Bill #25** as Adopted in Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

The motion passed by voice vote.

President Green recognized Mr. Browning to perfect **Board Bill #25** as amended on the floor.

Mr. Browning moved to perfect **Board Bill #25** as Amended on the floor.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Green called for the vote to perfect **Board Bill #25** as Amended on the Floor.

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

The following voted Aye:

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

The following voted No:

Ms. Tyus, Mr. Aldridge

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.

B.B.#28-Devoti/Schweitzer/Cox Antwi/Browning/Velazquez-

An ordinance requiring the installation of water meters on certain service connections in the City of St. Louis, providing mechanisms for enforcement including providing authority to deny or withhold service for noncompliance, and delegating authority to the Water Division to administer, implement, and set technical standards for meter installation. The requirement applies prospectively to new service connections and mandates the installation of meters only on certain existing service connections. The ordinance also includes a severability clause.

President Green recognized Mr. Devoti on the perfection of **Board Bill #28**

Mr. Devoti moved to perfect **Board Bill # 28**

Seconded by Mr. Browning

Mr. Devoti introduced **Amendment # 1 to Board Bill #28.**

Mr. Devoti moved to adopt **Amendment #1 to Board Bill #28.**

Seconded by Mr. Browning

The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Devoti moved to perfect **Board Bill # 28** as amended on the floor.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

Mr. Devoti yielded the floor to Mr. Aldridge and Ms. Tyus for questions. After discussion Mr. Devoti requested **Board Bill #28 AAOF** be placed on the Informal Calendar.

President Green requested that Board **Bill # 28AAOF** be placed on the Informal Calendar.

B.B. #37AAIC – Aldridge/Pres. Green/Devoti/Boyd/Cohn/Sonnier – An ordinance pertaining to compensation for employees of the Board of Aldermen and authorizing a one-time supplemental payment. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon approval by the Mayor.

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge for the purpose of perfecting Board Bill #37 as amended in committee.

Mr. Aldridge moved to perfect Board Bill #37 as amended in committee.

Seconded by Ms. Keys

The motion carried by voice vote.

Ms. Tyus requested **Board Bill #19** be placed on the Regular Third Reading Calendar.

18. Report of Engrossment

Board Bills # 19, 21 & 29

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

B.B. #21– 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.

B.B. #29–Clark Hubbard/Sonnier/Cohn/Aldridge/Schweitzer/Browning–An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the City of St. Louis Office of the Mayor’s Office of Recovery to accept Disaster Relief funding from the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Missouri housing Development Commission; appropriating said funds; authorizing the expenditure of such funds; authorizing the expenditure of such funds, to the extent received; authorized contracts and other documents to expend such funds, to the extent received; and containing an Emergency Clause.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on the motion to adopt the third reading and final passage on the consent calendar.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to adopt the third reading and final passage on the consent calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn

President Green called for the vote to adopt the third reading and final passage on the consent calendar

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge and President Green. **A total of 15 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 15 votes were cast. The motion carried.

20. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills

B.B.#19- Cox Antwi/Sonnier/Clark Hubbard/Aldridge- 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.

President Green recognized Ms. Cox Antwi to make a motion to Third Read and Finally pass **Board Bill #19.**

Ms. Cox Antwi moved to Third Read and Finally Pass **Board Bill #19.**

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Cox Antwi yielded the floor to Ms. Tyus for discussion.

After discussion President Green recognized Ms. Cox Antwi for a motion to reconsider after voting on the prevailing side of the motion to Third Read and finally pass **Board Bill#19.**

Ms. Cox Antwi moved reconsider the motion to read and finally perfect **Board Bill #19.**

Seconded by Mr. Cohn

President Green called for the vote to reconsider the motion to the third read and final passage of **Board Bill #19.**

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge and President Green. **A total of 15 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 15 votes were cast. The motion carried.

President Green recognized Ms. Cox Antwi to make a motion to place **Board Bill #19** on the perfection calendar.

Ms. Cox Antwi moved to place Board Bill # 19 on the Perfection Calendar

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

After discussion the motion carried by voice vote.

President Green recognized Ms. Cox Antwi to make a motion to perfect **Board Bill #19**.

Ms. Cox Antwi moved to perfect **Board Bill #19**.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

After discussion the motion carried by voice vote.

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

President Green directed the Clerk to the Report of Finally Passed Board Bills and Signage by the President Calendar.

B.B. #21– 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.

B.B. #29 - Clark Hubbard/Sonnier/Cohn/Aldridge/Schweitzer Browning-An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the City of St. Louis Office of the Mayor’s Office of Recovery to accept Disaster Relief funding from the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Missouri housing Development Commission; appropriating said funds; authorizing the expenditure of such funds; authorizing the expenditure of such funds, to the extent received; authorized contracts and other documents to expend such funds, to the extent received; and containing an Emergency Clause.

President Signs Board Bills

In open Session and without objections, President Green signed all Third Read and Finally Passed Board Bills to the end that they might become law.

22. First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees

None

23. Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions

President Green Directed the Clerk to the Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions Calendar.

The Clerk read the following:

Dear Members of the Board,

I have the pleasure to submit the following individual for appointment to the **Detention Facilities Oversight Board**.

The appointment of **Dr. Mark Mullen** who resides in the 4th Ward, whose term expires on **January 20, 2029**.

Sincerely,

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

President Green recognized Mr. Narayan on the approval Mayor's appointment to the **Detention Facilities Oversight Board**.

Mr. Narayan made the motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the **Detention Facilities Oversight Board**.

Seconded by Ms. Clark Hubbard

The motion carried by voice vote.

24.

Courtesy Resolutions

RESOLUTION NUMBER 39

**CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION HELD BY
ARTHUR PENNEY**

WHEREAS, slavery didn't end with the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Although President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed in 1863 the freedom of "all persons held as slaves" within the Confederacy, in

practice, the unjust American institution wouldn't conclude for about two more years. Juneteenth, which was officially declared a federal holiday in 2021. The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act celebrates this milestone; and

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth traces its roots back to Texas, where too few Union troops were stationed to actually enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. It would be more than two years until General Gordon Granger of the Union army arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, and told those still held captive that they were free. General Granger's orders marked the beginning of Juneteenth celebrations. As the once-enslaved population of Galveston began departing Texas, they took the traditions of Juneteenth with them, and the celebration spread to other states; and

WHEREAS, Slavery was officially abolished in 1865 with the ratification of the 13th Amendment. As time passed, Juneteenth expanded, but primarily only in Black communities. However, within the past several decades, Juneteenth has received more widespread recognition. In 1980, Texas officially acknowledged Juneteenth as a state holiday, and in successive years, at least 41 other states and the District of Columbia followed suit to recognize the day; and

WHEREAS, the holiday has since grown across the region and become officially recognized. In 2003, Missouri officially recognized Juneteenth as Emancipation Day. In 2021, St. Louis County formally designated Juneteenth as an official county holiday. In 2022, St. Louis City followed suit, officially recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday for city employees; and

WHEREAS, Sabayet, Inc. is a family-owned grassroots organization and community center based in the historic Ville Neighborhood in North St. Louis, Missouri. Sabayet, Inc. mission is to empower communities in North St. Louis, Missouri, as well as African American communities in the United States and abroad. Sabayet, Inc. encourages cultural, spiritual, and educational development. As a purveyor of wisdom, Sabayet, Inc. embodies the meaning of its Ancient Kemet name, SBYT, which translates to "Wisdom Teachers." Through their various services, collaborations, and projects, Sabayet, Inc. strives to make a positive impact on individuals and communities, fostering growth and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arthur Penny is the founder and President of Sabayet, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Arthur Penny began a community celebration of Juneteenth in North St. Louis City in the historic Ville Neighborhood in honor of our ancestors and to remind and educate the community of our history and celebrate how far the community has come while acknowledging there is more to do; and

WHEREAS, Friday, June 12, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Sabayet's and Arthur Penny will host a kick-off to the 25th Anniversary of **Juneteenth**. On Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. the 25th Anniversary **of Juneteenth** will be held in the Ville Neighborhood at their annual location of Maffitt Avenue and Bishop PL Scott Avenue. As in the past, the celebration will be a free family event featuring a jazz band, African dancers, singers, poetry, children's games, food vendors, books, clothes, jewelry all day Bouncy houses & slides horse & pony rides face painting & family activities, shopping and buying at Black-owned business vendors and cultural food; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day to celebrate our culture our history, our family and our commitment to Black Freedom. However, Juneteenth is more than a one-day celebration. It is an appreciation of African American history and culture, and a recognition that the Black past is intertwined with what we used to think of as the larger American story.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Board of Aldermen City of St. Louis, pause in our deliberations to Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Juneteenth Celebration Held By Sabayet’s, Inc. & Arthur Penney’s. This Honorable Board directs the clerk of the 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 Arthur Penney at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced on the 12th day of June, 2026 by:
Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 12th Ward**

**Cosponsor:
Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward**

Adopted this 12th day of June 2026 as attested by:

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on a motion to adopt the courtesy resolutions calendar.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to adopt the courtesy resolutions calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Keys

Ms. Clark Hubbard asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Resolution #39.

The motion carried by voice vote.

25. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

None.

26. Announcements

President Green directed the Clerk to read Announcements.

The Clerk read the following:

Monday, June 15, 2026

None

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

HUDZ – 11am – Kennedy Room

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

None

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Full Board Meeting – 10am – Chambers

Friday, June 19, 2026

Office Closed – Juneteenth Holiday

Mr. Cohn asked for a moment of silence to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando Florida.

Ms. Keys announced her husband’s birthday. She also announced the 100th Birthday celebration of Beaumont Highschool at Fairground Park.

Mr. Aldridge wishes Tracy Billups Happy Birthday.

Ms. Sonnier announced the DeSales Community Development Organization Health Fare Saturday June 14th and the Black Girls Golden Ticket Gala.

27. Excused Aldermen

None

28. Adjournment

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on the motion to adjourn.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded by Mr. Browning

Acting President Cohn called for the vote on the motion to adjourn Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 10am in the Chambers.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Submitted by:

Sharita Rogers

Clerk

St. Louis Board of Aldermen