



Agenda
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Kennedy Room

President Megan Green
Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Chair
Alderman Michael Browning, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier
Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez
Alderman Matt Devoti

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes from Monday, June 22, 2026, committee meeting.

IV. Board Bills for Review

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

Board Bill Number 32

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn, President Megan E Green An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen to execute and accept a Subaward from the Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Sustainable Cities initiative for the grant purposes of its Youth Climate Action Fund, specifically to activate youth in leadership roles as they participate in climate solutions consistent with the City's Sustainability goals; appropriating such funds to the Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen; and authorizing the expenditure of such funds to fulfill the obligations of said grant, to the extent such funds are received; and containing an emergency clause.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

None

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment



Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Monday, June 22, 2026
9:00 AM
Kennedy Room

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti and Chair Aldridge. **5 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Thursday, June 11, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, June 11, 2026, committee meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Thursday, June 11, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, June 11, 2026, committee meeting. The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti and Chair Aldridge. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

(The committee will discuss the following. No public comment will be taken)

Board Bill Number 1

Introduced by President Megan E Green, 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 Fourteen Million, Five Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$1,414,518,852) which sum is hereby appropriated from Revenue and Special Funds named for the purposes hereinafter enumerated and containing an emergency clause.

The Chair recognized Paul Payne, Budget Director for the City of St. Louis, to speak on Board Bill Number 1.

Mr. Payne presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the summary of the E&A response to the Budget & Public Employees Committee and other proposed changes to Board Bill Number 1 and FY27 Personnel schedules.

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

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Mr. Payne answered questions and responded to comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 1 as Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Velazquez moved to pass Board Bill Number 1 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded. The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Velazquez, and Chair Aldridge. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti
Two

The following voted Present:
None

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote.

None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

None

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

All members were present.

X. Adjournment

Having no other business to discuss, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]

Summary
Board Bill Number 32
Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn
May 29, 2026

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen to execute and accept a Subaward from the Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Sustainable Cities initiative for the grant purposes of its Youth Climate Action Fund, specifically to activate youth in leadership roles as they participate in climate solutions consistent with the City's Sustainability goals; appropriating such funds to the Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen; and authorizing the expenditure of such funds to fulfill the obligations of said grant, to the extent such funds are received; and containing an emergency clause.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 32 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SHANE COHN
COSPONSOR: PRESIDENT MEGAN GREEN**

1 An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the Office
2 of the President of the Board of Aldermen to execute and accept a Subaward from the
3 Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Sustainable Cities initiative for the grant purposes of its
4 Youth Climate Action Fund, specifically to activate youth in leadership roles as they participate
5 in climate solutions consistent with the City's Sustainability goals; appropriating such funds to
6 the Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen; and authorizing the expenditure of such
7 funds to fulfill the obligations of said grant, to the extent such funds are received; and containing
8 an emergency clause.

9 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Climate Action Fund presents a unique opportunity for the City of St.
10 Louis to strengthen youth leadership and civic engagement at a critical moment in the City's
11 climate and sustainability efforts; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the St. Louis City Youth Council, now in its third year, has demonstrated that
13 young people across St. Louis are eager and prepared to engage on policy issues; and

14 **WHEREAS**, young people will experience the long-term impacts of climate change more
15 directly than any other generation and therefore deserve a meaningful role in shaping climate
16 solutions and policy conversations; and

17 **WHEREAS**, participation in the Youth Climate Action Fund would provide young leaders with
18 resources and opportunities to help develop and support community-based climate initiatives,
19 strengthen trust and collaboration between residents and local government, and advance youth-
20 driven climate action throughout the City of St. Louis.

21 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

1 **SECTION ONE.** The City of St. Louis, by and through its Office of the President of the Board
2 of Aldermen, is hereby authorized to accept Youth Climate Action Fund grant awards funded
3 through Bloomberg Philanthropies.

4 **SECTION TWO.** There is hereby appropriated the funds awarded to the Office of the President
5 of the Board of Aldermen as set forth in Section One. The President of the Board of Aldermen,
6 or her designee, is hereby authorized to make, negotiate, and execute any and all contracts or
7 other documents on behalf of the City to expend such funds, and to expend such funds on behalf
8 of the City for certain purposes substantially in accordance with the purposes detailed in

9 **Attachment A. Attachment B** evidences that the Office of the President of the Board of
10 Aldermen has applied for and funds have been set aside for these purposes; amounts applied for,
11 to be finally awarded, are anticipated to be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

12 The Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment
13 of all expenditures authorized in this Section provided that such warrants to not exceed the total
14 amount of funds appropriated.

15 **SECTION THREE.** Emergency Clause. This being an ordinance providing for the preservation
16 of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the
17 meaning of sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore
18 shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

FISCAL NOTE

BOARD BILL NUMBER 32

Preparer's Name Cheryl Campbell

Phone Number or Email Address (will be available publicly) campbellch@stlouis-mo.gov

Bill Sponsor Alderman Shane Cohn

Bill Synopsis:	<i>An ordinance authorizing the Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen to accept a grant award of up to \$50,000 from Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Sustainable Cities initiative for the Youth Climate Action Fund; appropriating such funds if received for youth-led climate action initiatives consistent with the City's sustainability goals; and authorizing related contracts and expenditures associated with administration of the grant program.</i>
Type of Impact:	<i>Neutral (Grant-Funded; No Net Fiscal Impact to City)</i>
Agencies Affected:	<i>Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen; Comptroller.</i>

SECTION A

Does this bill authorize:

- An expansion of services which entails additional costs beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? Yes No
- An undertaking of a new service for which no funding is provided in the current adopted city budget? Yes No
- A commitment of city funding in the future under certain specified conditions? Yes No
- An issuance of bonds, notes and lease-purchase agreements which may require additional funding beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? Yes No
- An execution or initiation of an activity as a result of federal or state mandates or requirements? Yes No

- A capital improvement project that increases operating costs over the current adopted city budget? Yes No
- A capital improvement project that requires funding not approved in the current adopted city budget or that will require funding in future years? Yes No

If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, then a fiscal note must be attached to the board bill. Complete Section B of the form below.

SECTION B

- Does the bill require the construction of any new physical facilities? Yes No

- If yes, describe the facilities and provide the estimated cost:

- Is the bill estimated to have a direct fiscal impact on any city department or office?

Yes No

- If yes, explain the impact and the estimated cost:

The Board Bill authorizes the acceptance, appropriation, and expenditure of grant funding anticipated to total up to \$50,000 through the Youth Climate Action Fund. The Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen would administer the grant program, including program coordination, outreach, reporting, project selection, and distribution of microgrants for youth-led climate initiatives. Grant revenues are expected to offset associated expenditures.

- Does the bill create a program or administrative subdivision? Yes No

- If yes, then is there a similar existing program or administrative subdivision?

Yes No

- If yes, explain the how the proposed programs or administrative subdivisions may overlap:

The Board Bill establishes administration of a grant-funded youth climate initiative through the Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen. The Board Bill does not identify a substantially similar existing City program administered by that office.

- Describe the annual operating, equipment, and maintenance costs that would result from the proposed bill, as well as any funding sources:

The Board Bill authorizes receipt and expenditure of grant funds anticipated to total up to \$50,000 from Bloomberg Philanthropies' Youth Climate Action Fund program. Grant funds may be used

for youth climate microgrants and related administrative expenses associated with program implementation. No ongoing City funding source is identified in the Board Bill language beyond the grant-funded program period.

Complete the chart below to list the total estimated expenditures required of the City resulting from the proposed board bill and any estimated savings or additional revenue.

Financial Estimate of Impact on General Fund			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Estimate of Impact on Special Funds			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	<i>Up to \$50,000</i>	\$0	\$0
Additional Revenue	<i>Up to \$50,000</i>	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Describe any assumptions used in preparing this fiscal note:

This fiscal note was prepared based on review of the language contained within the Board Bill and attached grant materials. The Board Bill anticipates grant funding of up to \$50,000 to support youth-led climate initiatives and related administrative activities. Fiscal estimates assume grant revenues will fully offset grant-related expenditures. The Board Bill does not identify any continuing City appropriation beyond the grant-funded program period.

- List any sources of information (including any City officials, agencies, or departments) used in preparing this fiscal note:

Board Bill 32 and attached Youth Climate Action Fund program materials; Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund documentation.

- Have the financial estimates of this bill been verified by the City Budget Division?
 _____ Yes X No

○ If yes, by whom? _____ .

ATTACHMENT B: Confirmation of Grant Award

Dear St. Louis Representative,

For your information, please find below the official selection notification shared with Mayor Spencer.

You are receiving this message because you were listed as a primary or secondary contact in St. Louis's application to the Youth Climate Action Fund. We look forward to working closely with you on next steps.

From: Youth Climate Action Fund info@youthclimateactionfund.org

Sent: Monday, April 21, 2026

To: Cara Spencer mayor@stlouis-mo.gov

Subject: Youth Climate Action Fund - Selection Notification for St. Louis

April 21, 2026

Mayor Cara Spencer

St. Louis

Mayor Cara Spencer,

Congratulations! Among hundreds of applicants, St. Louis has been selected for the next cohort of the Youth Climate Action Fund, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

St. Louis is joining a global network of 300 cities committed to strengthening how local governments partner with young people to develop climate solutions. In the coming year, your city will back youth-led ideas through small grants and work with young residents to implement solutions that address your climate priorities. We are excited to see what you will achieve together.

Please register for **one** of the below dates for the Youth Climate Action Fund **Mayoral Kickoff** event. This will be a Zoom webinar. City staff are not invited to attend these events.

- Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. ET, [Registration](#)
- Thursday, May 14, 2026, 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET, [Registration](#)
- Thursday, May 14, 2026, 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET, [Registration](#)

Please note that your participation, and this news, are strictly embargoed until Bloomberg Philanthropies' global announcement at Bloomberg CityLab on April 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central European Time. Our team will be in touch with communications guidance and resources for your city to celebrate this work alongside us soon.

In the meantime, we ask that you please complete the following important steps:

- Acknowledge receipt of this letter and **confirm your intent to participate** in the program by responding to this [survey link](#) *no later than Monday April 27, 2026.*
 - In this survey you will also identify your designated **City Lead** and **Alternate City Lead** for the program, and submit their contact information. The City Lead is the person responsible for your city's completion of the Youth Climate Action Fund program. Both the City Lead and the alternate will be given access to the Youth Climate Action Fund website.
- The City Lead should complete your [City Intake Report](#). The information provided in this report is necessary to initiate your city's funding process. The sooner you complete it, the sooner we can begin processing your grant of US\$50,000. Complete the report *no later than May 31, 2026.*
- Mark **one** of the below dates on the City Lead and the Alternate City Lead's calendars. This is the date for the Youth Climate Action Fund **City Lead Orientation** event. This will be a Zoom webinar. Please use the link for the chosen time to **register**.
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. ET, [Registration](#)
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2026 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. ET, [Registration](#)
 - Thursday, May 21, 2026, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET, [Registration](#)
- Note that the Youth Climate Action Fund **Program Charter** is attached to this email. The charter outlines the program's expectations and commitments, and your City Lead should **read it in advance of the City Lead Orientation event.**

Please note that final grant awards are contingent on the timely submission and approval of required financial and administrative documentation by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, the program's fiscal sponsor.

We are thrilled to welcome St. Louis to the Youth Climate Action Fund and look forward to working with you and your team.

If you have any questions, please contact info@youthclimateactionfund.org. This email has also been shared with the primary and secondary contacts listed in your application materials.

Sincerely,

The Youth Climate Action Fund Program Team