



**Minutes  
Budget & Public Employees Committee  
Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
9:30 AM  
Kennedy Room**

**Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved**

**I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 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**

None

**IV. Board Bills for Review**

None

(The committee will not discuss or take public comment on the following)

**Board 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

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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 Fifteen Million, Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Eight Dollars (\$1,415,226,708) which sum is hereby appropriated from Revenue and Special Funds named for the purposes hereinafter enumerated and containing an emergency clause.

## **V. Resolutions for Review**

None

## **VI. Committee Discussions**

(The committee will discuss and will not take public comment on the following)

### **Item Number 1**

#### **Mayor's Office**

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2027 and that of the Mayor's Office with representatives from the Mayor's Office - 9:30am.

The Chair recognized Mayor Cara Spencer for introducing the Mayor's Department FY2027 proposed budget before the committee.

Mayor Spencer presented the proposed FY2027 budget before the committee and provided an overview of the administration's budget priorities and recommendations.

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.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

## **Item Number 2**

### **Board of Aldermen**

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2027 and that of the Board of Aldermen with representatives from the St. Louis Board of Aldermen President's Office - 10:00am.

The Chair recognized Shane Cohn, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen, for introducing the department of the Board of Aldermen's FY2027 proposed budget before the committee.

Mr. Cohn presented the proposed FY2027 budget along with Jay Nelson, Chief of Staff, to the President's Office of the Board of Aldermen before the committee and provided an overview of the administration's budget priorities and recommendations.

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.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

## **Item Number 3**

### **Comptroller**

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2027 and that of the Comptroller's Office with representatives from the Comptroller's Office - 10:00am.

The Chair recognized Donna Baringer, Comptroller for the City of St. Louis, for introducing the Comptroller's department's FY2027 proposed budget before the committee.

Ms. Baringer, along with Deputy Comptroller, Jason Fletcher, presented the Comptroller's proposed FY2027 budget before the committee and provided an overview of the administration's budget priorities and recommendations.

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.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

#### **Item Number 4**

##### **Recorder of Deeds**

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2027 and that of the Recorder of Deeds with representatives from Recorder of Deeds - 11:00am.

The Chair recognized Michael Butler, Recorder of Deeds, for introducing the Department of the Recorder of Deeds' FY2027 proposed budget before the committee.

Mr. Butler presented the Recorder of Deed's proposed FY2027 budget before the committee and provided an overview of the administration's budget priorities and recommendations.

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.

#### **Break**

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair entertained a motion to go into recess from 11:49 am until 12:05 pm.

Ms. Sonnier moved to go into recess from 11:49 am until 12:05 pm.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

**The vote was carried by unanimous consent.**

### **Item Number 5**

#### **Planning Urban Development Agency**

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2027 and that of the Planning Urban Development Agency with representatives from Planning Urban Development Agency - 12:00pm.

Chair Aldridge entertained a motion at 12:07 to return from recess.

Mr. Browning moved to return from recess.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

**The vote was carried by unanimous consent.**

The Chair recognized Don Roe, Executive Director, Planning and Urban Design, for introducing the Department of Planning and Urban Design's FY2027 proposed budget before the committee.

Mr. Roe, along with Scott Ogilvie, the city's Planning Executive, presented the Planning and Urban Design's proposed FY2027 budget before the committee and provided an overview of the administration's budget priorities and recommendations.

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.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

### **Item Number 6**

#### **Public Safety Department**

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2027 and that of the Public Safety Department with representatives from the Public Safety Department - 1:00pm.

The Chair recognized Shawn Dace, Director of Public Safety, for introducing the Public Safety's Fiscal Year 2027 proposed budget before the committee.

Mr. Dace presented the Public Safety's proposed FY2027 budget before the committee and provided an overview of the administration's budget priorities and recommendations.

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.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting before he adjourned.

### **VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

None

### **VIII. Announcements**

None

### **IX. Excused Members**

All members were present.

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## **X. Adjournment**

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

Ms. Velazquez moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

**The motion was carried by unanimous consent.**

**The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.**