



**Agenda**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
**Meeting**  
**St. Louis Board of Aldermen**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2025 - 2:00 PM**  
**Kennedy Room**

President Megan Green  
Alderman Bret Narayan, Chair  
Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Vice Chair  
Committee Members:  
Alderman Thomas Oldenburg  
Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard  
Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier  
Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez

**Order of Business**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the Thursday, July 3, 2025, committee meeting.

**IV. Board Bills for Review**

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

**Board Bill Number 33**

**Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti**

An ordinance, requested by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis, identifying the powers delegated to the Sheriff while proscribing from the Office those activities not specifically provided to the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, by City of St. Louis ordinance, or as specifically authorized by the Board of Aldermen.

**V. Resolutions for Review**

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

**Resolution Number 51**

**Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan, Rasheen Aldridge**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Ordinance Number 67794, the Public Safety Committee does hereby approve the recommendations of the Public Safety

Committee for the appropriation of unexpended crime prevention program funds from the City of St. Louis' Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of 1,974,015.91 as outlined in Exhibit A attached.

## **VI. Committee Discussions**

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

### **Item Number 1**

#### **Unexpended Crime Prevention Program Funds**

The committee will discuss proposals received from various community organizations and agencies related to funding youth crime prevention programs from unexpended funds from the City's Fiscal Years of 2024 and 2025. The Public Safety Committee may recess and convene as the Public Safety - Prop S Subcommittee to discuss various proposals and return to the Public Safety Committee meeting to finally adopt Resolution Number 51 listed below.

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

## **VIII. Announcements**

## **IX. Excused Members**

## **X. Adjournment**



**Preliminary Minutes  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
Board of Aldermen  
Thursday, July 3, 2025 - 12:00 PM  
Kennedy Room**

Alderman Bret Narayan, Chair  
Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Vice Chair  
Committee Members:  
Alderman Thomas Oldenburg  
Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard  
Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier  
Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez

President Megan Green

## **Order of Business**

### **I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm.

### **II. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Chair Narayan. **5 members were present. A quorum was established.**

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Thursday, May 29, 2025, committee meetings.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, May 29, 2025, committee meetings committee meeting.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to approve the Thursday, May 29, 2025, committee meeting minutes.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

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. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Chair Narayan. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

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

#### **IV. Board Bills for Review**

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

##### **Board Bill Number 43**

##### **Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan**

An Ordinance establishing a policy to govern the purchase and demolition of seven flood-prone properties in the Ellendale neighborhood in accordance with the requirements of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding awarded by the State of Missouri Emergency Management Agency (SEMA); and containing a severability clause.

Chair Narayan recognized Vice-Chair Aldridge to chair the meeting while he introduced Board Bill Number 43 before the committee.

I'm writing to provide a brief description of Board Bill Number 43. Chair Narayan explained that this bill establishes the policy for a voluntary buyout program for flood-prone properties in the Ellendale neighborhood.

This initiative comes after a study conducted following the River Des Peres flood in the Fourth Ward a couple of years ago. The study identified seven properties in the Ellendale neighborhood as flood-prone, leading to this voluntary buyout effort.

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

Hearing no questions or comments from members of the committee the Vice-Chair Aldridge entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 43 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Velazquez moved to pass Board Bill Number 43 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

**Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.**

Mr. Aldridge called for the previous roll.

**Hearing no objection to the previous roll the Vice-Chair Aldridge passed Board Bill Number 43 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.**

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. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Chair Narayan. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

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

## **V. Resolutions for Review**

None

## **VI. Committee Discussions**

Immediately after the Public Safety Committee meeting, members will reconvene as the Public Safety Committee - Prop S Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will discuss proposals received from various community organizations and agencies related to youth crime prevention programs. The committee will discuss funding of some of these programs from City Prop S funds.

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

### **Item Number 1**

#### **Prop S Subcommittee Meeting**

Vice Chair Aldridge turned the meeting back over to Chair Narayan to resume.

Chair Narayan opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimonies.

**In Support of Prop S Funding**

1. Mary Elizabeth Grimes, 6<sup>th</sup> ward
2. Madison Jackson, 6<sup>th</sup> ward
3. Lauren Ming

**Not Determined**

1. Joyce Smith, Believe it Youth Organization, 3<sup>rd</sup> ward
2. Perris Wilson, 11<sup>th</sup> ward

After no further testimonies from members of the public the Chair recognized Cynthia Davis, Grant Manager for the Office of Violence Prevention.

Ms. Davis gave a brief PowerPoint Presentation which outlined the review and administration process of the applicants who applied for Prop S funding.

After no further the 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 decided to review the applications further before selecting the applicants.

After no further discussion, the Chair moved to excuse Mr. Oldenburg for necessary absence.

Seconded by Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

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

**VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

There are three written comments provided in the Google Drive for review.

**VIII. Announcements**

None

**IX. Excused Members**

Mr. Oldenburg was excused for necessary absence.

**X. Adjournment**

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

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

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

**The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.**

**Summary**

**Board Bill Number 33**

**Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti**

**June 13, 2025**

An ordinance, requested by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis, identifying the powers delegated to the Sheriff while proscribing from the Office those activities not specifically provided to the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, by City of St. Louis ordinance, or as specifically authorized by the Board of Alderman.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 33 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MATT DEVOTI**

1 An ordinance, requested by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis, identifying the powers delegated  
2 to the Sheriff while proscribing from the Office those activities not specifically provided to the  
3 Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, by City of St. Louis ordinance, or as  
4 specifically authorized by the Board of Alderman.

5 **WHEREAS**, there exists a long-standing issue about the powers and duties of the Sheriff of the  
6 City of St. Louis, which has led to disagreement, disharmony, dispute, and conflict between the  
7 Sheriff, the 22nd Judicial Circuit, the Department of Corrections, and the Executive Branch, and  
8 distrust, suspicion, and skepticism of the Office by the public; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2025, Sheriff Alfred Montgomery appeared before the Board of  
10 Alderman, Budget and Public Employees Committee; that during his appearance Sheriff  
11 Montgomery stated his support for legislation identifying the duties and responsibilities of his  
12 Office while acknowledging his Office’s long-standing role transporting and supervising  
13 detainees requiring hospital, medical, and psychological care from the Criminal Justice Center;  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, Section 57.090 R.S.Mo. provides that all sheriffs in the State of Missouri shall  
16 attend each division of the Circuit Court presided over by a Circuit or Associate Circuit Judge;  
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, Section 57.100 R.S.Mo. provides that all sheriffs in the State of Missouri shall  
19 commit to jail all felons and traitors, execute all processes directed by legal authority, and  
20 maintain, house, and issue concealed carry permits as otherwise specified by Missouri law; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Section 57.290 R.S.Mo. provides that all sheriffs in the State of Missouri shall take  
22 convicted offenders to reception and diagnostic centers as designated by the Director of the

1 Department of Corrections; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Section 57.450 R.S.Mo. provides that all general laws relating to all sheriffs in the  
3 State of Missouri shall apply to the City of St. Louis Sheriff, except that the City of St. Louis  
4 Sheriff shall not enforce the general criminal laws of the State of Missouri unless such  
5 enforcement shall be incidental to their customary duties; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Section 57.470 R.S.Mo. provides that the City of St. Louis Sheriff shall serve all  
7 processes of the Circuit Court, except the municipal division, in the City of St. Louis; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis is not a law enforcement agency as that term is  
9 used under Missouri statute and understood in Missouri's common law.

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

11 **SECTION ONE.** The Sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall possess and exercise all powers and  
12 duties given the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, and by City of St.  
13 Louis ordinance; such powers and duties include protection of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, Circuit  
14 and Associate Circuit courts, service of summons and legal process, issuance of conceal carry  
15 permits, and the transport and protection of detainees in the custody of the Department of  
16 Corrections to receive hospital, medical, and psychological treatment.

17 **SECTION TWO.** The Sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall not make arrests, subdue subjects,  
18 conduct searches, investigate crimes, collect and secure evidence, or otherwise enforce the  
19 general criminal laws of the State of Missouri and City of St. Louis, except as specifically  
20 provided by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, and by City of St. Louis ordinance.

21 **SECTION THREE.** The Sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall not enter any contract for the  
22 provision of services not specifically given the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri

1 statute, or by City of St. Louis ordinance unless approved by a resolution of the Board of  
2 Aldermen following a hearing on the resolution in the Public Safety Committee.

3 **SECTION FOUR. SEVERABILITY:** If any term, condition, or provision of this Ordinance  
4 shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in  
5 all other respects and continue to be effective and each and every remaining provision hereof  
6 shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of  
7 the Board of Aldermen that it would have enacted this Ordinance without the invalid or  
8 unenforceable provisions; in the event of a further subsequent change in applicable law that  
9 renders valid a provision of the Ordinance that was previously held to be invalid or  
10 unenforceable, said provision shall thereupon be restored to its full effect, be capable of  
11 enforcement without further action by the City, and shall thereafter again be binding.

12 **SECTION FIVE. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:** This being an ordinance necessary for the  
13 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, an emergency is hereby declared  
14 to exist within the meaning of Section 20, Article IV, of the Charter and this ordinance shall be  
15 in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 51**  
**UNEXPENDED CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance Number 67794, approved January 14, 2008, established that the annual proceeds of a sales tax shall be initially deposited in a City Public Safety Protection Sales Tax Fund and shall be dedicated to and used for various purposes, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, Section One, subsection (v), of such Ordinance provides that one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be allocated annually for crime prevention programs to be administered by resolution of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen with approval of the Public Safety Committee and overseen by the City's Public Safety Department; and

**WHEREAS**, The Public Safety Committee has \$1,974,015.91 in funds unexpended from previous years (FY2024 and FY2025) to allocate to organizations across the St. Louis region to help combat and reduce violence in the City of St. Louis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Ordinance Number 67794 the Public Safety Committee does hereby approve the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee for the appropriation of unexpended crime prevention program funds from the City of St. Louis' Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of 1,974,015.91 as outlined in **Exhibit A** attached.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution are to be maintained by the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen; printed in the Journal of the Board of Aldermen; and delivered to the Director of Public Safety, the Budget Division, and the Comptroller.

**Introduced this 8th day of July, 2025 by:**

**The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 4th Ward**

**Cosponsors:**

**The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward**

**Adopted this XX day of July, 2025 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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**Megan E. Green**  
President, Board of Aldermen

**Resolution Number 51  
Exhibit A**

**Organization Name Award Amount**

**(To be Determined by the Public Safety Committee)**