



**Minutes  
Public Safety Committee  
Thursday, August 7, 2025  
2:00 PM  
Kennedy Room**

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

**I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll, and the following members answered their names: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, Chair Narayan, and President Green. **6 members were present. A quorum was established.**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from Thursday, July 10, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to pass the minutes from the Thursday, July 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Mr. Aldridge moved to pass the minutes from the Thursday, July 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, Chair Narayan, and President Green. **6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

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

(The committee will discuss and take public comment 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.

The Chair recognized Mr. Devoti for introducing Board Bill Number 33 as amended in committee before the committee.

Mr. Devoti asked to put Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee before the committee.

Mr. Devoti gave a brief description of Board Bill Number 33 and the amendment to section three of the board bill before introducing Casey Millburg, Director of Policy, Mayor's Office, to further explain Board Bill Number 33.

Mr. Devoti explained the changes that essentially do two things. He stated that it speaks in terms of requiring the sheriff to submit submissions of requisitions pertaining to necessary expenses to the comptroller and providing with that submission a written explanation as to how the requisition relates to

the conduct of the office's business. Secondly, it requires a monthly written report to the committees. He stated that, as it is now written, it requires a report to the public safety committee and the budget committee with respect to expenses that had been incurred the previous month, as well as contracts entered into.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Ms. Millburg to further elaborate and answer questions related to Board Bill Number 33.

The members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Narayan moved to adopt Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

**Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee, Sponsored by Alderman Mat Devoti.**

To amend said Board Bill, Page 3, Line 6, as follows:

Beginning on Page 3, Line 6, strike out the words:

“The Sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall not enter any contract for the provision of services not specifically given the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, or by City of St. Louis ordinance unless approved by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen following a hearing on the resolution in the Public Safety Committee.”

And insert in lieu thereof, to read in words and figures as follows:

"When submitting requisitions or contracts related to necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of the duties of the Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff's Office shall also provide the Comptroller's Office with a written explanation of how

the expense is a necessary expense incurred in the conduct of the duties of the Sheriff's Office. In addition, beginning the month immediately following the effective date of this Ordinance, the Sheriff's Office shall provide by the end of each month to both the Budget and Public Safety Committees of the Board of Aldermen, or their successor committees, a monthly written report detailing the expenses incurred and contracts entered into by the Sheriff's Office."

The Chair entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Narayan moved to adopt Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, Chair Narayan, and President Green. **6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

The Chair recognized Mr. Aldridge for introducing Amendment Number 1 to

Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee before the committee.

Mr. Aldridge asked to put Amendment Number 1 before the committee.

Mr. Aldridge gave a brief description of Amendment Number 1 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee.

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

The members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

**In Support of Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee**

1. Joshua Lawrence, 1st ward

**In Opposition of Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee**

1. David Mason

2. Yosef Yasharahla

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

The members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 1 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt Amendment Number 1 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

**Amendment No. 1 to Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee**  
**Sponsor: Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Jr.**

*To amend said Board Bill as follows:*

1. Change the name of “**SECTION FOUR. SEVERABILITY:**” to “**SECTION FIVE. SEVERABILITY:**”
2. Change the name of “**SECTION FIVE. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**” to “**SECTION SIX. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**”

*and insert the following words after Section Three:*

**SECTION FOUR. SUNSET CLAUSE.**

Section Three of this ordinance shall be repealed effective immediately upon the Sheriff’s Office submitting twelve reports to the Board of Aldermen in accordance with the rules and requirements outlined in Section Three.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

**Hearing no objection to the request for the previous roll, the Chair adopted Amendment Number 1 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.**

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to record the votes from the previous roll.

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll, and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, Chair Narayan, and President Green. **6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

The Chair recognized Mr. Devoti to give his final remarks.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Aldridge moved to pass Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Oldenburg.

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: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, Chair Narayan, and President Green. **6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

## **V. Resolutions for Review**

None

## **VI. Committee Discussions**

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

### **Discussion Item Number 1**

#### **Demolitions**

The committee will discuss demolitions in the City.

The Chair recognized Laura Gin, Vacancy Strategist, St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC).

Ms. Ginn discussed her role as the Vacancy Strategist with SLDC. Ms. Ginn detailed her role as the Vacancy Strategist with SLDC, emphasizing her efforts to facilitate collaboration among various city departments on projects concerning vacant properties. She also shared insights into her current responsibilities with the Mayor's Office, particularly her involvement in tornado recovery efforts. This includes leading both immediate and long-term debris removal from private properties and managing demolition and infrastructure recovery. Additionally, Ms. Ginn highlighted the contractor check-in system implemented through the STL City permit process. This system requires contractors to notify the city within 24 hours of starting a wrecking project, ensuring that the Health Inspector, Building Inspector, and the Citizen Service Bureau are all kept informed of the project's status.

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

The members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

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

None

## **VIII. Announcements**

None

**IX. Excused Members**

The Chair excused Ms. Velazquez for necessary absence.

**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. Clark-Hubbard.

Mr. Narayan requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll,

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

**The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.**

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