



Minutes
Budget and Public Employees Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Monday, May 5, 2025 – 9:30am
Kennedy Room

Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Chair
Alderman Michael Browning, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderman Sharon Tyus
Alderman Alisha Sonnier
Alderman Daniela Velazquez
Alderman Matt Devoti

Megan Green, President

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: 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

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

Board Bill Number 1

Introduced by President Megan Green

Cosponsors: Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance making 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of One Billion, Four Hundred Eight Million, Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$1,408,839,432) 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 take public comment on the following)

Item Number 1

Budget Director

Annual City Budget FY2026 – 9:30am

The committee will receive a review of the Annual City Budget FY2026 from Mr. Paul Payne City Budget Director.

The Chair recognized Paul Payne, Budget Director for the city to introduce the Annual City Budget for FY2026.

Mr. Payne gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the city's annual budget for FY2026 which is also available on the City of St. Louis website for review.

After the FY2026 Budget's PowerPoint presentation the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Item Number 2

Public Comment Section - 11am

The committee will listen to public comment.

After hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimonies.

Board Bill Number 1, Undecided

1. Charles Bryson, Trailnet
2. Andwele Jolly,
3. Dan Pate, 6th ward
4. Gerry Connolly, 6th ward
5. Todd-El
6. Jordan Braxton, 14th ward
7. Rissa Rawlings, 4th ward
8. Chris Willcox, 14th ward

9. Justin Idlebur, 10th ward
10. Brain Eagan, University City
11. Alvonia Crayton, 8th ward
12. Damon Starks, 11th ward
13. Aja Owens, 4th ward
14. Christin Simpson, 13th ward
15. Grace Cobble 9th ward
16. Inez Bordeaux, 3rd ward
17. Rachel Hurtado, 7th ward

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

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair stated that Ms. Tyus was not excused from the meeting.

After no further discussion the Chair adjourned the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgement of Any Written Testimony

Written testimonies are in the Google Drive for review.

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

All members were present except Ms. Tyus whom the Chair did not excuse.

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 Ms. Sonnier.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.