



Minutes
Budget and Public Employees Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 9:30am
Kennedy Room

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

Megan Green, President

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:42 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 the following. No public comment will be taken)

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 the following. No public comment will be taken)

Item Number 1

Fire Department – 9:30am

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2026 and that of the Fire Department representatives from the Fire Department.

The Chair recognized Dennis Jenkerson, Chief of the Fire Department for introducing his departments FY2026 budget.

Chief Jenkerson gave a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed reduction of overtime, paid family leave, capital budget, 2.5m need for support vehicles, firehouse upgrades from carpet to commercial vinyl floors, fleet, and reevaluation of the drug testing policy etc.

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 moved to take a Stand at Ease for 10 minutes.

Item Number 2

Board of Aldermen - 11am

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2026 and that of the Board of Aldermen with representatives from the St. Louis Board of Aldermen President's Office.

The Chair recognized Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen for discussing her department's FY2026 budget.

Ms. Green gave a brief overview of her department's function. She discussed the 3% increases for staff, updated software (Civic Plus), reduction evaluate community engagement software, financial planning and priorities for fiscal year 2026 proposed budget which indicates a focus on maintaining and enhancing the services provided to the public while managing costs effectively some key points she stated that BOA total budget for fiscal year 2026 is proposed at 5,493,651 a slight decrease from the fiscal year 2025 adopted budget which was 5,608,537. She stated that the decrease indicates a careful approach to financial management. She stated that the largest segment of the budget is personnel services and this is proposed at 5,141,335 for year 2026 which is a slight increase from the 5,015,634 adopted in fiscal year 2025. She stated that the increase is due to the board's staff receiving

the 3% pay increase that other city employees received as well, the total expenses for employee benefits including FICA, retirement plans, and health insurance show minor fluctuations, medical insurance, materials and supplies, computer supplies, office supplies, facility and ground supplies badge pass access system, and the civic clerk contract for agenda meeting management software, new workstations and flooring replacement for room 230, print and mail materials, and board of alderman partnership with the Missouri Secretary of State Local Records program to begin to digitize and publicly share our legislative body's historical records.

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 entertained a motion to go into recess until 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Velazquez moved to go into recess until 1:00 p.m.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m.

Break

The Chair recessed at 11:03a.m. and returned at 1:08p.m.

Item Number 3

St. Louis Police Department – 1:00pm

Committee members will discuss the Annual City Budget FY2026 and that of the St. Louis Police Department with representatives from the Police Department from this office.

The Chair recognized Robert Tracey, Chief of St. Louis Police Department, for discussing his department's FY2026 budget.

Chief Tracy introduced David Daniels, Director of Public Affairs they both discussed the departments FY2026 budget. They spoke on the overtime, vacancies, position availability, officer training, recruitment, technology upgrades, ways on combating reckless driving, salaries etc.

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 stated that Ms. Tyus would no be excused from the meeting.

After no further discussion the Chair adjourned the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgement of Any Written Testimony

None

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.

Mr. Browning moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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