



Minutes
Budget and Public Employees Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Monday, May 12, 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 meeting to order at 9:42a.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

Minutes of the Monday, May 5, 2025, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Wednesday, May 7, 2025 and Thursday, May 8, 2025.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, May 5, 2025, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Wednesday, May 7, 2025 and Thursday, May 8, 2025 committee meetings.

Mr. Browning moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, May 5, 2025, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Wednesday, May 7, 2025 and Thursday, May 8, 2025 committee meetings.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The following voted Aye: Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge, **4 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 4 Aye 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 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

Civilian Oversight Board - 9:30am

Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the Civilian Oversight Board with representatives from this office.

The Chair recognized Barbara Milon, Commissioner of Civilian Oversight Board for presenting the boards FY2026 budget.

Ms. Milon presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining her FY2026 budget before introducing Louisa Lyles, Legal investigator for Civilian Oversight Board to answer questions.

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 recognized Karen Clifford acting Director of the Neighborhood Improvement Specialist (NIS)

Item Number 2

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Office (NIS) and the Citizen Service Bureau (CSB) - 10:30am

Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the NIS and CSB with representatives from these offices.

The Chair recognized Karen Clifford Acting Director of the Neighborhood Improvement Specialist (NIS) to present the FY2026 budget.

Ms. Clifford presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the division's vacancies, need of vehicle, requested budget and the proposed budget, and the programs the division participate with.

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 at 11:37am to go into recess until 1:00p.m.

Mr. Browning moved to go into recess until 1:00p.m.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

Break

The took a recess from 11:37am until 1:00 p.m.

Item Number 3

Department of Parks Recreation and Forestry Department (PRF) - 1:00pm

Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the Department of PRF with representatives from this office.

The Chair recognized Greg Hayes, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry to present the departments FY2026 budget.

Mr. Hayes along with members of his team Kim Haegele Parks Commissioner, Alan Jankowski, Forestry Commissioner, Juakena Callion, Recreation Commissioner, and Marylou Green, Brightside each gave an overview of their division's budget. They discussed parks within the city, vacancies to be restored with no increase to the budget, contractual services do to staffing challenges, recreation centers, pools, the need for lifeguards, vacant properties/ lots and the maintenance, dislocation parcels, loss of tree trimmers, debris removal programs, the need of trained staff to operate the equipment, and the operation of Soulard Market and Brightside.

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 adjourned the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgement of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

All Members were present except for 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 2:29 p.m.

