Minutes
Budget and Public Employees Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 9:30am
Kennedy Room

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

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

II. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

III. Roll Call

The following members were present: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, President Green and Chair Aldridge. **6 members were present. A quorum was established.**

IV. Approval of Minutes

None

V. 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.

VI. Resolutions for Review

None

VII. Committee Discussions

(The committee will discuss the following. No public comment will be taken.)

Item Number 1
Board of Public Service / Equipment Services Division - 9:30am
Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the Board of Public Service / Equipment Services Division with representatives from this office.

The Chair recognized Rich Bradley, Director of Board of Public Service.

Mr. Bradley gave an overview of his departments FY2026 budget before he recognized members of his staff Kim Maloney, Fiscal Office Supervisor, Dr. Lynnea Magnuson, Soldiers Memorial Superintendent and Chair of Soldier Memorial Commission, Travis Howser, Office of Special Events Program Executive, Rich Ernst, Commissioner of Facilities Management, and Chris Amos, Commissioner of Equipment Services to speak answer questions regarding their division’s needs and function.

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, at 10:45 a.m. the Chair entertained a motion to go into recess until 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Devoti moved to go into recess until 11:00 a.m.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

Item Number 2
Board of Elections - 11:00am
Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the Board of Elections with representatives from this office.

The Chair recognized Ben Borgmeyer Democratic Commissioner, Gary Stoff, Republican Commissioner, and Josh Lewis, Budget Director for discussing the department FY2026 budget.

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 11:22 a.m. to go into recess until 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Devoti moved to go into recess until 12:00 p.m.

Seconded by Chair Aldridge.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

Item Number 3
Health Department - 12:00pm
Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the Health Department with representatives from this office.

The Chair recognized Dr. Mati for presenting her departments FY2026 budget before the committee.

Dr. Mati presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining vacancies, removal of the inmate medical budget to the health care trust fund, termination of federal funding, increase in family, community and school health, environmental health services, animal care, communicable disease control, improvement of the program monitoring and evaluation, cost - neutral plan for offsetting funding cuts and the potential impact of the FY26 budget cuts, general funding versus the grant funding, and the departments FY26.

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 was not excused from the meeting and then adjourned.

VIII. Acknowledgement of Any Written Testimony
None

IX. Announcements
None

X. Excused Members
All members were present except for Ms. Tyus whom the Chair did not excuse.

XI. 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 Mr. Browning

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Minutes approved Wednesday, May 20, 2025
Minutes prepared by Associate Clerk, Ora Heggs