



Minutes
Budget and Public Employees Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Thursday, May 15, 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 9:38 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 the following. No public comment will be taken.)

Item Number 1

Street Department - 9:30am

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

The Chair recognized Jim Suelmann, Interim Director Street Department for presenting the Streets Department FY2026 budget before the committee.

Mr. Suelmann gave an overview of the Streets department FY2026 budget outlining trash pickup, recycling routes, sewer lateral program, and tow lot and more derelict cars in the community, refuse before recognizing members of this staff, Kent Flake, Street Commissioner, and Randy Breitenfeld, Refuse Commissioner to speak on their division and answer questions from members of the committee.

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 11:00am to go into recess until 11:30am.

Mr. Devoti moved to go into recess until 11:30am.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

Item Number 2

Communications Division - 11:30am

Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the Communications Division with representatives from this office.

Vice-Chair Browning recognized Donna Brooks-Sanders, Communications Commissioner for presenting Communications FY2026 budget before the committee.

Ms. Brooks-Sanders gave an overview of her division's budget outlining the department's function, regulatory affairs, STL TV coverages, division priorities, and increase in pay for staff before recognizing Andre Holman, Program/ Production Manager to present programming as it relates to the 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 Vice-Chair entertained a motion at 12:02pm to go into recess until 12:30pm.

Ms. Velazquez moved to go into recess until 12:30pm.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

Item Number 3

Personnel Department - 12:30pm

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

Due to a city-wide power outage the Vice Chair Browning adjourned the meeting. The Personnel Department and Airport was notified of the issue and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Break

Item Number 4

Airport - 1:30pm

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

Due to a city-wide power outage the Vice Chair Browning adjourned the meeting. The Personnel Department and Airport was notified of the issue and will be rescheduled for a later date.

VII. Acknowledgement of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

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

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:02p.m. due to a power outage.

