



**Minutes**  
**Budget & Public Employees Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, May 19, 2025**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Kennedy Room**

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

**I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Browning and Chair Aldridge. 3 members were present. A quorum was not established.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from Monday, May 12, 2025, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Wednesday, May 14, 2025, and Thursday, May 15, 2025, committee meetings.

**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**

#### **Water Division - 9:00am**

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Niraj Patel, Director of the Water Department, for introducing his department's FY2026 budget before the committee.

Mr. Niraj presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the overview of his budget, monitoring and testing of water and treatment plants and its mission to efficiently provide a plentiful supply of the highest quality water at a reasonable rate, management of two water treatment plants, chemical expenses, staffing levels, vacancy rate, revenue expense, operating expenses, health and safety supplies, contractual services water main breaks funding and capital projects.

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 on to item number two on the agenda, the Collector of Revenue.

### **Item Number 2**

#### **Collector of Revenue - 10:30am**

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

The Chair recognized Greg Daly, Collector of Revenue, for introducing his department's FY2026 budget before the committee.

Mr. Daly presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining his 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, at 10:42 a.m. the Chair entertained a motion to go into recess until 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Velazquez moved to go into recess until 11:30 a.m.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

**The vote was carried by unanimous consent.**

### **Item Number 3**

#### **Assessor Office - 11:30am**

Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the Assessor's Office with representatives from this office.

The meeting resumed at 11:42 a.m.

The Chair recognized Shawn Ordway, Interim Assessor, for introducing his department's FY2026 budget.

Mr. Ordway presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the responsibilities of his office and its functions. His presentation focused on the state tax commission's 2-year plan, revenue assessment fund, office expenses, contracts, appeals, property taxes, and actual distributions.

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 12:02 p.m. the Chair entertained a motion to go into recess until 1:00 p.m.

#### **Item Number 4**

##### **Treasurer's Office - 1:00pm**

Committee members will discuss the FY2026 Budget of the Treasurer's Office with representatives from this office.

The Chair resumed the meeting at 12:42 p.m. due to a discrepancy with the schedule.

The Chair recognized Adam Layne, City Treasurer, for introducing his department's FY2026 proposed budget.

Mr. Layne presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining his department's function and the value his department has to the City of St. Louis. He focused on the Parking Division as an enterprise fund, the budget year-end results, FY2026 budget, debt balance & reserves, upgrades, value additional services and new projects and the general fund contributions. He stated that his department has value to the city of St. Louis by waiving parking fees during job fairs, amnesty and ticket forgiveness, and by offering payment plans. He discussed the operation of the juror shuttle service for courts with parking vans.

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 excused Alderwoman Sonnier and Mr. Devoti from the meeting for necessary absence.

After no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

**VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

None

**VIII. Announcements**

None

**IX. Excused Members**

The Chair excused Alderwoman Sonnier and Alderman Devoti for necessary absence. The Chair did not excuse Alderwoman Tyus.

**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 Mr. Aldridge.

**The vote was carried by unanimous consent.**

**The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.**

