



Minutes
St. Louis Budget & Public Employees Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
9:30 AM
Kennedy Room

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge **5 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Monday, May 19, 2025, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, and Wednesday, May 21, 2025, committee meetings.

The approval of minutes of Monday, May 19, 2025, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Wednesday, and May 21, 2025, committee meetings.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, May 19, 2025, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Wednesday, and May 21, 2025, committee meetings.

Mr. Browning moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, May 19, 2025, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Wednesday, and May 21, 2025, committee meetings.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The following voted Aye: Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, 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 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

Recorder of Deeds - 9:30am

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

The Chair recognized Michael Butler, Recorder of Deeds, for introducing his department's FY2026 budget before the committee.

Mr. Butler gave a brief overview of his office and how it functions. He briefly discussed his FY2026 proposed and requested budget. He stated that because of their efficiency, he found that in their information technology department they only needed one employee instead of two, so they reduced them to one employee. He stated that they have increased online transactions and the availability of records. They have a more robust system for the community to research online, and he is working on digitizing archives at the least costly rate. He stated that being able to access records online has increased revenue. He also stated that they have partnered with local attorneys to help victims of the recent tornado to help assist with improving their deeds.

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 9:50a.m. to go into recess until 11:30a.m.

Mr. Browning moved to go into recess until 11:30a.m.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

Item Number 2

License Collector's Office - 10:30am

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

The Chair recognized Mavis Thompson, License Collector, for introducing her department's FY2026 proposed and requested budget.

Ms. Thompson gave a brief description of her department and its function. She stated that it is broken down into 3 main categories: municipal taxes, manufacturing taxes, and hotel/motel taxes. She explained each category's benefits and what they are not limited to. She also gave an overview of the department's previous annual budget projections for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the partial and actual budget for 2023-2024, and the proposed budget for 2024-2025. She stated that because of the recent tornado, they can't give a total for the proposed budget because they don't know how the businesses have been impacted. She stated that her department's budget goes from June 1st to May 31st.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members 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 adjourned.

Item Number 3

Supply Commissioner's Office - 11:30am

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

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Supply Division was canceled and will be rescheduled for a different date.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

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.

Ms. Sonnier moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.