



Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Committee Meeting
Saturday, May 31, 2025
10:00 AM
Kennedy Room

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05a.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

None

IV. Board Bills for Review

(The committee will discuss the following 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 and take public comment on the following)

Item Number 1

Budget Director

Annual City Budget FY2026 – 10:00am

The committee will receive a review of the Annual City Budget FY2026 from Mr. Paul Payne City Budget Director.

The Chair recognized Paul Payne, Budget Director, to present the City of St. Louis FY2026 budget.

Mr. Payne presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the City of St. Louis proposed FY2026 annual operating plan.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

Item Number 2

Public Comment Section - 11am

The committee will listen to public comment.

The Chair recognized members of the public to give their testimony on the proposed FY26 budget.

Not Determined/Undecided

1. Charles Bryson, Trailnet
2. Tyler Patterson, 4th Ward
3. Gerry Connolly
4. Kasey Fowler-Finn
5. Annie Rice
6. Shirlissa Pruitt
7. Tina Cramer
8. Katie Horridge
9. River Renoch
10. Rachel Hurtado
11. Melanie Marie
12. Kennard Williams
13. Mary Joe
14. Christopher Ottolino, 6th ward
15. Chelda Bellis

Hearing no further testimony from members of the public, the Chair stated that Ms. Tyus was not excused from the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

The Chair announced that there would be a Budget and Public Employee meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025, in the Kennedy Room at 9:00a.m. - Public comments will be taken.

IX. Excused Members

None. The Chair did not excuse Ms. Tyus from the meeting.

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. Browning

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51a.m.