



**Preliminary
Minutes
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting
Regular Meeting
Friday, September 12, 2025
10am**

Board of Aldermen Chambers

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved by the Board

1. Call to Order

President Green called the meeting to order at 10:00am and directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll.

2. Roll Call

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following members answered to their names: Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. DeVoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **14 members were present. A quorum was established.**

The following members entered the meeting while it was in progress making 15 members present: Ms. Keys.

3. Opening Reflection or Prayer

President Green recognized Ms. Rosemary Britts of the St. Louis Sickle Cell Association lead the members in the opening prayer and reflection.

Ms. Britts led the members in an opening reflection/prayer.

4. Announcement of any Special Order of the Day

President Green announced that Special Order of the Day will be the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Numbers 100 and 102.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Numbers 100 and 102.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Numbers 100 and 102.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. DeVoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 14 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Ms. Keys entered the Chambers and took her seat.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to place Resolution Numbers 100 and 102 at the end of the Courtesy Resolutions Consent Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk acknowledged.

Resolution Number 100

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard to speak on Resolution Number 100 and invited her to the dais. Resolution Number 100 recognizes Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

At the dais Ms. Clark-Hubbard asked that Resolution Number 100 be read.

The Assistant Clerk read Resolution Number 100 in its entirety.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard spoke on Resolution Number 100. Mr. Cohn also spoke.

Mr. Cohn moved to place Resolution Number 100 En Banc.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to place Resolution Number 100 En Banc.

The motion unanimously by voice vote.

President Green paused the meeting so that members could take a photo with Resolution Number 100 to be sent to the St. Louis Sickle Cell Association.

President Green resumed the meeting after the photo.

Resolution Number 77

President Green invited Ms. Cox-Antwi to the dais with her guests related to Resolution Number 77. Resolution Number 77 honors the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE).

Ms. Cox-Antwi took control of the dais and was joined by her guests, the Director and staff of the SLATE.

Ms. Cox-Antwi asked the Resolution Number 77 be read.

The Assistant Clerk read Resolution Number 77 in its entirety.

Ms. Cox-Antwi spoke on Resolution Number 77 and the fine work SLATE is doing. She presented the Resolution to Ms. Connie Johnson, who is the Director of SLATE.

Ms. Johnson spoke about SLATE and introduced her staff that were present at the dais. Ms. Johnson thanked the Board for the honors.

The following members also spoke on Resolution Number 77: Ms. Keys, Ms. Shameem Clark-Hubbard, and President Green.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to the place Resolution Number 77 En Banc.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to place Resolution Number 77 En Banc.

The motion unanimously by voice vote.

President Green paused the meeting so that members could take a photo with the Director and staff of SLATE.

President Green resumed the meeting after the photo.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard asked to be placed as cosponsor to Resolution Numbers 65 and 77– 90.

Ms. Tyus asked to be added as a cosponsor to Resolution Number 65 and 55.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged both requests.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Ms. Keys moved to place Resolution Number 80 and 81 En Banc.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote to place Resolutions Number 80 and 81 En Banc.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Keys moved to place Resolution Numbers 78 – 99, excluding Resolution Number 92, En Banc.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote to place Resolution Numbers 78 – 99, excluding Resolution Number 92, En Banc.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Tyus asked to be added as a cosponsor to Resolution Number 93.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

Mr. Browning asked to be added as a cosponsor to Resolution Numbers 55 and 65.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

Ms. Aldridge moved to place Resolution Number 65 En Banc.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

President Green called for the vote to place Resolution Number 65 En Banc.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Schweitzer asked to be added as a cosponsor to Resolution Number 66.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

Ms. Keys moved to En Banc all Resolutions on the Courtesy Resolutions Consent Calendar that have not already been placed En Banc.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote to En Banc all Resolutions on the Courtesy Resolutions Consent Calendar that have not already been placed En Banc.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt the Courtesy Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Introduction of Honored Guests

President Green directed the meeting to the Introduction of Honored Guests.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard welcomed as her honored guests for the day her new Legislative Assistant Mr. Darryl Grandberry and Ms. Cheryl Campbell, the Board's new Financial Analyst.

Ms. Keys recognized as her honored guest for the day her husband, whom she has been married to for thirty-nine years and whose marriage anniversary was this past week.

Mr. Devoti recognized as his honored guest for the day Ms. Tina Croupen of the 5th Ward.

Mr. Aldridge welcomed as his honored guests for the day former members of the Coalition of Not Another Nickle, who were seated in the gallery, Ms. Tina Croupen, and Ms. Lopez.

Mr. Cohn welcomed as his honored guest for day Mr. David Jackson.

Ms. Velázquez welcomed as her honored guest for the day Clinton McBride.

6. Approval of Minutes

President Green recognized Ms. Clark- Hubbard on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Friday, July 11, 2025 and Tuesday, August 26, 2025 full Board meetings.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of the minutes of the Friday, July 11, 2025 and Tuesday, August 26, 2025 full Board meetings.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, July 11, 2025 and Tuesday, August 26, 2025 full Board meetings.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Report of City Officials

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the Report of City Officials.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

a) Report of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

The following Board Bills from the 2025-2026 Legislative Session were Third Read and Finally passed by the Board, signed by the President and delivered to the Mayor for their signature pursuant to law. The list below shows the Bill Number, Name of the Sponsor, the Description of the Board Bill and Date Delivered:

Board Bill Number 18

Introduced by Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderman Browning, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman Laura Keys, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance amending **Ordinance Number 71835** to codify interior requirements for residential rentals by striking all mentions of **Exhibit A** and inserting a new section named "Interiors of Buildings" that replicates the contents of **Exhibit A** and provides additional specifications related to occupancy load.

Date Delivered: Friday, July 11, 2025

Board Bill Number 40

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement between The City of St. Louis, Missouri (the “City”) and the City of St. Louis Port Authority (“Lessee”) for certain real property being the Improved Wharf for the purpose of maintaining, beautifying, and improving the premises, and operating a controlled system of paid parking for a period of twenty-five (25) years as set forth in the Lease Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and containing a severability clause.

Date Delivered: Friday, July 11, 2025

Board Bill Number 48

Introduced by Aldermen Rasheen Aldridge

Sponsor: President Megan Green

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis (the “City”) to execute a permanent, irrevocable easement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** (the “**Easement**”), which shall give, grant, extend and confer on the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, its agents, successors, and assigns (collectively, “**MSD**”), the exclusive right to build and maintain a sewer or sewers, including storm water improvements, on the strip or strips of ground described therein (the “**Sewer**”); authorizing and directing the President of the Board of Public Service of the City to enter into a Maintenance Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** (the “**Maintenance Agreement**”), with MSD regarding such Sewer; and containing an emergency clause.

Date Delivered: Friday, July 11, 2025

Board Bill Number 50

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer

Cosponsor: Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in the 20 foot wide North-South Alley in City Block 706 as bounded by Carroll Street, Kosciusko Street (vacated), Lafayette Avenue and 2nd Street in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Date Delivered: Friday, July 11, 2025

Board Bill Number 42

Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn

Cosponsor: President Megan Green

An ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission amending **Chapter 26** of the Zoning Code, adjusting minimum lot size or Density of Population regulations for single-family dwellings and some two-family dwellings; and containing a severability and emergency clause.

Date Delivered: Friday, July 11, 2025

Board Bill Number 44**Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard****Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez, Alderman Browning, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Laura Keys, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An ordinance directing the Neighborhood Stabilization Division to establish a registration process and registration database for registered neighborhood organizations in the City of St. Louis; and establishing eligibility criteria for neighborhood organization applicants; and including a severability clause.

Date Delivered: Friday, July 11, 2025**Board Bill Number 45****As Amended in Committee****Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard****Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Laura Keys, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An Ordinance requiring certain notices to be sent to relevant Registered Neighborhood Organizations; and authorizing additional communication with Registered Neighborhood Organizations; and containing a severability clause.

Date Delivered: Friday, July 11, 2025

The following Board Bills from the 2025-2026 Legislative Session were signed by the Mayor and issued an Ordinance Number by the City Register pursuant to law. The list below shows the Bill Number, Name of Sponsor, Effective Date, and Ordinance Number:

Board Bill Number 15**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

Pursuant to Ordinance Number 70333, and as amended by Ordinance Number 71394, the Director of Streets is hereby directed to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic on certain blocks in the 14th Ward.

Effective Date: August 7, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72018****Board Bill Number 17****Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn**

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Airport Commission and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing and directing the Comptroller, and Mayor, with the recommendation of the Director of Airports, to accept, enter into, and execute on behalf of the City, grant agreements offered by the State of Missouri for the furtherance of programs and operations at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport; containing a severability clause.

Effective Date: August 7, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72019****Board Bill Number 32****Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti**

Pursuant to **Ordinance Number 70333** as amended by **Ordinance Number 71394**, an ordinance directing the Director of Streets to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic on various blocks in the 5th ward.

Effective Date: August 7, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72020**

Board Bill Number 35**Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn****Cosponsors: President Megan Green and Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer**

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$26,308,000** as described in Section 94.600 through 94.655, RSMo. 2000, as amended, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, which sum is hereby appropriated out of the “Transportation Trust Fund” to the Bi-State Development Agency for transportation purposes; and containing a severability and emergency clause.

Effective Date: July 7, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72021****Board Bill Number 36****Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn****Cosponsors: President Megan Green and Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer**

An Ordinance pertaining to the Transit Sales Tax imposed pursuant to Section 94.660, RSMo., as adopted by the voters of St. Louis City on August 2, 1994, pursuant to Ordinance 63168 creating the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund” directing the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis to deposit funds received pursuant to said sales tax into the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund – Account ONE” appropriating **\$13,657,000** from the said sales tax for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to the Bi-State Development Agency for certain purposes; and containing a severability and emergency clause.

Effective Date: July 7, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72022****Board Bill Number 37****Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn****Cosponsors: President Megan Green and Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer**

An Ordinance pertaining to the Transit Sales Tax imposed pursuant to Section 94.660, RSMo., as adopted by the voters of St. Louis City on November 4, 1997, pursuant to Ordinance 64111 creating the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund” directing the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis to deposit funds received pursuant to said sales tax into the “City Public Transit Sales Tax Trust Fund – Account TWO” appropriating **\$13,657,000** from the said sales tax for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to the Bi-State Development Agency for certain purposes; and containing a severability and emergency clause.

Effective Date: July 7, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72023****Board Bill Number 38****Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service authorizing the 2025 St. Louis Works and the 50/50 Sidewalk Programs City Wide providing for the construction and reconstruction of gutters, streets, driveways, spot curbs, sidewalks, alleys, traffic controls, beautification, tree planting, resurfacing and related engineering adjustments listed herein, appropriating \$5,600,000.00 from the Street Improvement Fund; containing sections for description of the work, approval of plans and specifications, work and material guarantees, estimated costs from City funds and supplemental agreements and reversion authorizations, applicable state and federal wage rate requirements, equal opportunity provisions, the Mayor's Executive Orders, contract advertising statutes, and a public work emergency clause.

Effective Date: July 7, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72024**

Board Bill Number 18**Introduced by Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez****Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderman Browning, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman Laura Keys, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An ordinance amending **Ordinance Number 71835** to codify interior requirements for residential rentals by striking all mentions of **Exhibit A** and inserting a new section named "Interiors of Buildings" that replicates the contents of **Exhibit A** and provides additional specifications related to occupancy load.

Effective Date: August 11, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72025****Board Bill Number 40****Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn**

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement between The City of St. Louis, Missouri (the “City”) and the City of St. Louis Port Authority (“Lessee”) for certain real property being the Improved Wharf for the purpose of maintaining, beautifying, and improving the premises, and operating a controlled system of paid parking for a period of twenty-five (25) years as set forth in the Lease Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and containing a severability clause.

Effective Date: August 11, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72026****Board Bill Number 42****Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn****Cosponsor: President Megan Green**

An ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission amending **Chapter 26** of the Zoning Code, adjusting minimum lot size or Density of Population regulations for single-family dwellings and some two-family dwellings; and containing a severability and emergency clause.

Effective Date: July 11, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72027****Board Bill Number 48****Introduced by Aldermen Rasheen Aldridge****Sponsor: President Megan Green**

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis (the “City”) to execute a permanent, irrevocable easement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** (the “Easement”), which shall give, grant, extend and confer on the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, its agents, successors, and assigns (collectively, “MSD”), the exclusive right to build and maintain a sewer or sewers, including storm water improvements, on the strip or strips of ground described therein (the “Sewer”); authorizing and directing the President of the Board of Public Service of the City to enter into a Maintenance Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** (the “Maintenance Agreement”), with MSD regarding such Sewer; and containing an emergency clause.

Effective Date: July 11, 2025**Ordinance Number: 72028****Board Bill Number 50****Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer****Cosponsor: Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in the 20 foot wide North-South Alley in City Block 706 as bounded by Carroll Street, Kosciusko Street (vacated), Lafayette Avenue and 2nd Street in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Effective Date: August 11, 2025

Ordinance Number: 72029

Board Bill Number 44

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez, Alderman Browning, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Laura Keys, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance directing the Neighborhood Stabilization Division to establish a registration process and registration database for registered neighborhood organizations in the City of St. Louis; and establishing eligibility criteria for neighborhood organization applicants; and including a severability clause.

Effective Date: August 22, 2025

Ordinance Number: 72030

Board Bill Number 45

As Amended in Committee

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Laura Keys, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance requiring certain notices to be sent to relevant Registered Neighborhood Organizations; and authorizing additional communication with Registered Neighborhood Organizations; and containing a severability clause.

Effective Date: August 22, 2025

Ordinance Number: 72031

b.) **Office of the Mayor**
None

c.) **Office of the Comptroller**
None

d.) **President**
None

8. **Petitions and Communications**
None

9. **Board Bills for Perfection, Informal Calendar**

Bill Number 34

As Amended in Committee

Introduced by Alderwoman Laura Keys

An ordinance directing the Director of Streets to install speed humps pursuant to **Ordinance Number 70333** as amended by **Ordinance Number 71394** to calm the flow of traffic on the 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500 and 4600 blocks of Lee Avenue.

Board Bill Number 51**Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer**

Pursuant to **Ordinance Number 70333** as amended by **Ordinance Number 71394**, an ordinance directing the Director of Streets to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic in the first ward.

Board Bill Number 43**Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan**

An Ordinance establishing a policy to govern the purchase and demolition of seven flood-prone properties in the Ellendale neighborhood in accordance with the requirements of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding awarded by the State of Missouri Emergency Management Agency (SEMA); and containing a severability clause.

Board Bill Number 19**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An Ordinance Approving The Petition Of An Owner Of Certain Real Property To Establish A Community Improvement District, Establishing The Jefferson Arms Community Improvement District, Finding A Public Purpose For The Establishment Of The Jefferson Arms Community Improvement District, Authorizing the Execution of a Transportation Project Agreement Between The City And The Jefferson Arms Transportation Development District, Prescribing The Form And Details Of Said Agreement, Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto, Authorizing Other Related Actions In Connection With The TDD Project, And Containing An Emergency Clause And Containing A Severability Clause.

Board Bill Number 25**Committee Substitute Amended in Committee****Introduced by Alderman Shane Cohn****Cosponsor: President Megan Green**

An ordinance (the “Ordinance”) amending Title 18 - Airports and Aviation Code, of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, to add a new chapter pertaining to car rental operations at St. Louis Lambert International Airport and containing a severability clause.

President Green asked if any member wanted to take a Board Bill off of the Perfection Informal Calendar.

Mr. Aldridge asked that Board Bill Number 19 be moved to the Perfection Calendar.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to place Board Bill Number 19 at the end of the Perfection Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

10. Board Bills for Third Reading, Informal Calendar**Board Bill Number 47****Introduced by Aldermen Michael Browning**

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer, Alderman Shane Cohn, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the City of St. Louis to execute and accept a Subaward for the Bloomberg Philanthropies’ American Sustainable Cities

Initiative in the amount of \$120,000.00 from Johns Hopkins University; appropriating such funds to the Planning and Urban Design Agency; authorizing expenditure of such funds to the extent received; authorizing contracts, agreements, and other documents to expend such funds; and containing a severability clause.

President Green asked if any member wanted to take a Board Bill off of the Third Reading Informal Calendar.

Mr. Browning asked that Board Bill Number 47 be moved to the Third Reading Consent Calendar.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to place Board Bill Number 47 at the end of the Third Reading Consent Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

11. Resolutions, Informal Calendar

None

12. First Reading of Board Bills

President Green recognized Mr. Cohn on the motion to suspend the rules.

Mr. Cohn moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce and first read Board Bill Number 66.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce and first read Board Bill Number 66.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. DeVoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 15 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 15 votes were cast. The motion carried.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to place Board Bill Number 66 at the end of the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk acknowledged.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

Board Bill Number 61

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer

Pursuant to **Ordinance Number 70333** as amended by **Ordinance Number 71394**, an ordinance directing the Director of Streets to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic in the first ward.

Board Bill Number 62

Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti

An ordinance regulating the operation of golf carts upon the streets, alleys, and public right-of-way within the City of St. Louis.

Board Bill Number 63

Introduced by Alderwoman Jami Cox-Antwi

An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on June 17, 2025, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map, from the “F” Neighborhood Commercial District to the “C” Multiple-Family Dwelling District, in City Block 1418 (2861-69 McNair Avenue), so as to include the described parcel of land in City Block 1418; and containing an emergency clause.

Board Bill Number 64

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An ordinance to repeal certain sections of **Chapter 22.28** within the revised code of the City of St. Louis relating to the Zoological Board of Control and remove them from the city code.

Board Bill Number 65

Introduced by Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez

An ordinance to repeal various obsolete boards and commissions established under city ordinances and to remove them from city code.

The following Board Bill was not filed in time to be on this meeting’s agenda and was added by vote of the members.

Board Bill Number 66

Introduced by Alderwoman Shane Cohn

Cosponsor: President Megan Green

An ordinance amending Chapter 3.160 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis by adding a new section, 3.160.035, to establish definitions and criteria for the impact assessment of redevelopment projects as required by Ordinance 71620 section 3(A)(e); including a severability clause.

13. Reference to Committee of Board Bills

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the Reference to Committee of Board Bills.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

Budget and Public Employees

None

Health and Human Development

None

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee

Board Bill Numbers 63 and 66.

Legislation and Rules

Board Bill Numbers 64 and 65.

Personnel and Administration

None

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee

Board Bill Number 61.

Public Safety Committee

Board Bill Number 62.

Transportation and Commerce Committee

None

Special Committee on Reducing Red Tap

None

14. Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

Board Bill Number 33

As Amended in Committee

Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti

Cosponsors: Alderman Bret Narayan and Alderman Thomas Oldenburg

An ordinance, requested by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis, identifying the powers delegated to the Sheriff while proscribing from the Office those activities not specifically provided to the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, by City of St. Louis ordinance, or as specifically authorized by the Board of Alderman.

Board Bill Number 60

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez, Alderman Shane Cohn, Alderwoman Laura Keys, Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderman Michael Browning, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission amending **Chapter 26** of the Zoning Code, defining, permitting, and regulating Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs); and containing a severability and emergency clause.

Board Bill Number 39

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

Cosponsor: President Megan Green

An ordinance approving a Redevelopment Plan dated June 9, 2025 and Blighting Study (“Plan”) for the 200 South 4th St. Area ("Area") in the City of St. Louis (“City”) after finding that the Area is blighted as defined in Section 99.320 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2016, as amended, (the "Statute" being Sections 99.300 to 99.715 inclusive), and is blighted as defined in Section 353.020 RSMo., finding that there shall be available up to a twenty (20) year tax abatement at 90 percent of the assessed value of the incremental improvements; and pledging cooperation of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Devoti moved to suspend the rules in order to place Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee to the Perfection Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to suspend the rules in order to place Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee to the Perfection Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 15 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 15 votes were cast. The motion carried.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to place Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee on the Perfection Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

15. Report of Special Committees

None

16. Board Bills for Perfection – Consent Calendar

None

17. Board Bills for Perfection Calendar

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the Perfection Calendar.

The Assistant Read the following:

Board Bill Number 19

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance Approving The Petition Of An Owner Of Certain Real Property To Establish A Community Improvement District, Establishing The Jefferson Arms Community Improvement District, Finding A Public Purpose For The Establishment Of The Jefferson Arms Community Improvement District, Authorizing the Execution of a Transportation Project Agreement Between The City And The Jefferson Arms Transportation Development District, Prescribing The Form And Details Of Said Agreement, Making Certain Findings With Respect Thereto, Authorizing Other Related Actions In Connection With The TDD Project, And Containing An Emergency Clause And Containing A Severability Clause.

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on Board Bill Number 19.

Mr. Aldridge moved to Perfect Board Bill Number 19.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Mr. Aldridge spoke on Board Bill Number 19.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt Board Bill Number 19 Floor Substitute.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Aldridge spoke on Board Bill Number 19 Floor Substitute.

President Green called for the vote on he motion to adopt Board Bill Number 19 Floor Substitute.

The motion carried by voice vote. Ms. Schwitzer voted no.

Mr. Aldridge moved to Perfect Board Bill Number 19 Floor Substitute.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green called for the vote on he motion to Perfect Board Bill Number 19 Floor Substitute.

The motion carried by voice vote. Ms. Schweitzer voted no.

Board Bill Number 33

As Amended in Committee

Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti

Cosponsors: Alderman Bret Narayan and Alderman Thomas Oldenburg

An ordinance, requested by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis, identifying the powers delegated to the Sheriff while proscribing from the Office those activities not specifically provided to the Sheriff by the

Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, by City of St. Louis ordinance, or as specifically authorized by the Board of Alderman.

President Green recognized Mr. Devoti on Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee.

Mr. Devoti moved to Perfect Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

Mr. Devoti discussed his motion. Mr. Browning, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Keys, and Mr. Aldridge also spoke.

Mr. Browning asked to be added as a cosponsor of Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to Perfect Board Bill Number 33 As Amended in Committee.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 13 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

Tyus. **1 No vote was cast.**

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

Ms. Sonnier. **1 member was present at the meeting but was not in the Chamber during the roll call and therefore did not cast a vote.**

A total of 14 votes were cast. The motion carried.

18. Report of Engrossment

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the Report of Engrossment.

The Assistant Clerk read the following report.

Report of Engrossment

Board of Aldermen Committee Report September 12, 2025

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

Alderwoman Velazquez reported the following:

The Legislation and Rules Committee, which is responsible for engrossment and to which the following Board Bills were referred, reports that it has considered the same and that they are truly engrossed.

Board Bill Number 47

Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer, Alderman Shane Cohn, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the City of St. Louis to execute and accept a Subaward for the Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Sustainable Cities Initiative in the amount of \$120,000.00 from Johns Hopkins University; appropriating such funds to the Planning and Urban Design Agency; authorizing expenditure of such funds to the extent received; authorizing contracts, agreements, and other documents to expend such funds; and containing a severability clause.

**Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez
Chair of the Committee**

19. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

Board Bill Number 47

Introduced by Aldermen Michael Browning

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer, Alderman Shane Cohn, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the City of St. Louis to execute and accept a Subaward for the Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Sustainable Cities Initiative in the amount of \$120,000.00 from Johns Hopkins University; appropriating such funds to the Planning and Urban Design Agency; authorizing expenditure of such funds to the extent received; authorizing contracts, agreements, and other documents to expend such funds; and containing a severability clause.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills Consent Calendar.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills – Consent Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. DeVoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 15 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 15 votes were cast. The motion carried

20. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills

None

21. Report of Finally Passed Board Bills and Signage by the President

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the Report of Finally Passed Board Bills and Signage by the President Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk Read the following:

**Report of Finally Passed Board Bills
September 12, 2025**

Board Bill Number 47

Introduced by Aldermen Michael Browning

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer, Alderman Shane Cohn, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the City of St. Louis to execute and accept a Subaward for the Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Sustainable Cities Initiative in the amount of \$120,000.00 from Johns Hopkins University; appropriating such funds to the Planning and Urban Design Agency; authorizing expenditure of such funds to the extent received; authorizing contracts, agreements, and other documents to expend such funds; and containing a severability clause.

President Signs Board Bills

In open Session and without objections, President Green signed all Third Read and Finally Passed Board Bills to the end that they might become law.

22. First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 101.

Mr. Aldridge moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 101.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 101.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. DeVoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 14 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

1 member voted present

Ms. Tyus

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 15 votes were cast. The motion carried.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to place Resolution Number 101 at the end of the First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committee Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committee Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 92

A RESOLUTION URGING AMEREN MISSOURI TO PAUSE DISCONNECTIONS AND PROVIDE MEANINGFUL RELIEF TO TORNADO-IMPACTED RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, a devastating tornado struck St. Louis, destroying homes, displacing families, and leaving residents grappling with trauma and housing instability; and

WHEREAS, thousands of households are still living in crisis months later, navigating the trauma of disaster recovery while facing uncertainty about their ability to remain connected to essential utility services; and

WHEREAS, following the storm, the monopolized electrical utility provider Ameren Missouri initially paused shutoffs and offered some financial assistance to impacted households, but those measures were limited and Ameren is once again disconnecting customers who are behind on their electricity bills; and

WHEREAS, being disconnected from electricity during extreme heat waves, which are becoming more and more frequent, poses immediate and severe risks, especially for children, seniors, and other vulnerable groups; and

WHEREAS, even outside of extreme weather events, the loss of electricity leaves families without lighting, refrigeration, internet access, and other basic necessities, compounding the trauma of disaster recovery and undermining stability; and

WHEREAS, although Ameren maintains customer assistance programs, advocates and residents have reported that many of the most vulnerable tornado survivors are not being reached, leaving families at risk of disconnection despite enormous need; and

WHEREAS, in June 2025, Ameren Missouri raised electricity rates by around 12%, increasing costs by about \$14 per month for a typical household, placing additional financial strains on households already struggling to keep up with bills post-tornado recovery; and

WHEREAS, as the sole electricity provider for the St. Louis region, Ameren Missouri has the unique responsibility to act in the public interest and ensure equitable disaster recovery; and

WHEREAS, best practices in disaster recovery include pausing utility disconnections and forgiving debt for households directly impacted by the disaster, ensuring that families are not forced deeper into hardship while rebuilding their lives; and

WHEREAS, Ameren has the demonstrated capacity to implement such humanitarian measures, having paused disconnections during past crises; and

WHEREAS, local advocacy groups including the Sierra Club, Action St. Louis, and others have called upon Ameren Missouri to pause disconnections through the end of 2025 and to forgive the utility debt of tornado-impacted households; and

WHEREAS, preventing disconnections during the recovery period will protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of tornado survivors, strengthen community resilience, and demonstrate that Ameren is a partner in tornado recovery efforts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to urge Ameren Missouri to initiate a moratorium on utility disconnections for tornado-impacted residents until at least December 31, 2025, and to forgive utility debt accrued by households directly harmed by the May 16, 2025 storm. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a formal copy of this Resolution to be sent by the Clerk to those deemed appropriate by its sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:

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The Honorable Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7th Ward

Cosponsors:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Michael Browning, Alderman 9th Ward

The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

President Green recognized Ms. Sonnier on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 92.

Ms. Sonnier asked for unanimous consent.

A Mr. Browning objected to unanimous consent.

Ms. Sonnier moved to suspend the rules in order to adopt Resolution Number 92.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. DeVoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green.

A total of 15 Aye votes were cast.

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 15 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Ms. Sonnier moved to adopt Resolution Number 92.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Ms. Sonnier discussed Resolution Number 92. Ms. Tyus, Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, and Mr. Aldridge also spoke.

Mr. Aldridge moved to place Resolution Number 92 En Banc.

Seconded by Mr. Narayan.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to En Banc Resolution Number 92.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 92.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote

RESOLUTION NUMBER 94

RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND FLYING THE HISPANIC HERITAGE FLAG

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is a national celebration to honor the history, culture, and influence of past generations who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month began as Hispanic Heritage Week and was signed into law in 1968; and was expanded to a month long celebration, from September 15th through October 15th, in 1988; and

WHEREAS, September 15th marks the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, September 16th and September 18th mark the anniversary of Independence for Mexico and Chile, respectively; and

WHEREAS, September 21st marks the anniversary of Independence for Belize; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino communities have played a pivotal role in shaping the cultural fabric, diversity, and prosperity of the City of St. Louis and the United States, contributing to fields such as art, music, literature, science, politics, businesses, and many others; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Todos Somos UNO – We Are All ONE," reminds us that we are all interconnected and united through our shared stories, experiences, food, music, and history; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Leaders Group of Greater St. Louis, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro St. Louis, Hispanic Festival, Inc., and STL Juntos have partnered to create this vision of unity, celebrating the rich cultural heritage that shapes our region; and

WHEREAS, The United States enjoys a deep Hispanic and Latino identity, one in which multiculturalism and diverse perspectives, tied in the democracy of the Republic, form a more perfect Union.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to hereby proclaim September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honorable Board of Aldermen requests St. Louis City Hall fly the Hispanic Heritage Flag, designed by José Garza, from September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Cosponsored by:

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The Honorable Megan Green, President Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward
The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 2nd Ward
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3rd Ward
The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 4th Ward
The Honorable Matt Devoti, Alderman 5th Ward
The Honorable Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7th Ward
The Honorable Jami Cox Antwi, Alderwoman 8th Ward
The Honorable Michael Browning, Alderman 9th Ward
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

President Green recognized Ms. Velázquez on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 94.

Ms. Velázquez asked for unanimous consent.

There was no objection.

Ms. Velázquez moved to adopt Resolution Number 94.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Velázquez discussed Resolution Number 94. There were no other speakers.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 94.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The following Resolution was not filed in time to be on this meeting's agenda and therefore was added by the vote of the members.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 101
CONDEMNING THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE'S SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION AND
ITS HARMFUL IMPACT ON THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly has been called into an extraordinary session not to address urgent state needs, but to carry out a partisan redistricting scheme that seeks to consolidate Republican power at both the state and federal levels by restricting citizens' initiative petition rights and gerrymandering congressional districts from the current 6-2 Republican-to-Democrat split into a 7-1 Republican stronghold; and

WHEREAS, this mid-decade redistricting represents an unprecedented attack on democratic representation that seeks to overturn the will of Missouri voters who elected Representative Emanuel Cleaver to represent the Kansas City area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed "Missouri First Map" would fragment Kansas City's diverse communities across multiple congressional districts, deliberately diluting the voting power of urban and minority constituents; and

WHEREAS, this redistricting effort is not driven by population changes or legitimate redistricting criteria, but by naked political ambition to convert Missouri's current 6-2 congressional delegation to a 7-1 Republic stronghold; and

WHEREAS, the initiative petition reforms would fundamentally undermine Missouri citizens' constitutional right to directly participate in democracy by requiring statewide ballot measures to pass in every congressional district, effectively giving rural minorities veto power over the will of the majority; and

WHEREAS, the initiative petition reform is coming, not on the heels of corruption, but because the citizenry of Missouri recently passed progressive reform – including raising the minimum wage, enshrining paid family leave, enacting campaign finance reform, and increasing access to marijuana; and

WHEREAS, requiring ballot measures to pass in all eight congressional districts would make it virtually impossible for citizens to enact reforms on issues like healthcare, education, or workers' rights that may be opposed by special interests; and

WHEREAS, the Republican leadership has employed rarely used procedural maneuvers to rush this legislation through without adequate debate, deliberation, or public input; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary session represents government by intimidation, as President Trump has openly threatened Republican lawmakers who fail to support his redistricting demands; and

WHEREAS, the timing and manner of this extraordinary session demonstrates a troubling disregard for democratic norms, fair representation, and the principles of good governance that should guide Missouri's legislature; and

WHEREAS, these measures would entrench partisan power at the expense of competitive elections, minority representation, and the fundamental democratic principle that every vote should count equally.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to condemn the practices of the Missouri Legislature that put the desire to consolidate power over the desire to serve the people. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a formal copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

Cosponsors:
The Honorable Megan Green, President, Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 101.

Mr. Aldridge asked for unanimous consent.

There was no objection.

Mr. Aldridge asked that Resolution Number 101 be read.

The Assistant Clerk read Resolution 101 in its entirety.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt Resolution Number 101.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Aldridge discussed Resolution Number 101. Mr. Browning, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Ms. Tyus, and Ms. Velázquez also spoke.

Mr. Browning moved to place Resolution Number 101 En Banc.

Ms. Tyus objected.

The following members asked to be added as cosponsors to this Resolution: Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Cohn, and Mr. Oldenburg.

The Assistant Clerk Acknowledged.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 101.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

23. Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions
None

24. Courtesy Resolutions
President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 55
RECONIZING MARIAN GRUBER EISEN**

WHEREAS, Marian Gruber Eisen graduated from Barnard College, Washington University, the School of Law, St. Louis University and studied at Alliance Francais, attaining an M.A.T. in Education and a Juris Doctoris, showing her broad bandwidth in learning and achievement in academic settings; and

WHEREAS, Marian Gruber Eisen, made a significant contribution to the education of the children of St. Louis, serving as a secondary education teacher at Vashon High School, in the areas of government, social studies and French, bringing students hope that they have a bright future; and

WHEREAS, Marian Gruber Eisen, left a legacy of zealous advocacy in her unparalleled prosecution of perpetrators of child sex abuse, displaying skillful trial skills and a passion for justice, in her position as Assistant Circuit Attorney for the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Marian Gruber Eisen, served her clients in private practice with a dedication to their rights and compassion for their suffering in the offices of Anthony Sestric, Murray Stone and Zerman and Mogerman; and

WHEREAS, Marian Gruber Eisen, was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri in the Office of Attorney General, representing the people in matters of civic importance, and bringing a new level of professionalism to that office; and

WHEREAS, Marian Gruber Eisen, demonstrated her administrative abilities and commitment to the City of St. Louis, hold positions as Acting Executive Director and Executive Director of Development, for the St. Louis Development Corporation, determined to make the City a better place to live and grow for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Marian Gruber Eisen, along with her husband Dr. Seth Eisen, have shown their commitment to the City of St. Louis, by their residing there for over a half a century, and Marian's involvement in neighborhood organizations, condominium groups and political action organizations, seeking and making a difference in the lives of numerous friends, students, colleagues, and city residents, through creativity and researched strategies; and

WHEREAS, Marian Gruber Eisen, has been the anchor of her family, fielding calls from across the world and acting as a surrogate mother to many lucky children and adults.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and commend Marian Gruber Eisen on her numerous achievements and contributions to our city. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3rd Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 56
NUMBER NOT USED THIS SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 57
HONORING KEVIN RODNEY WOODSON**

WHEREAS, Kevin Rodney Woodson was born on October 11, 1956, to Elnora Woodson and Lionell Jenious in St. Louis, Missouri. Kevin was a product of the St. Louis Public Schools attending Williams Elementary School and he was a proud graduate of Beamont High School - Class of 1975; and

WHEREAS, Kevin furthered his education at St. Louis University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Broadcasting. Kevin then continued his education journey where he went on to receive a Master of Science in Mass Communications from Howard University. Kevin was an active member of Newstead Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. In addition to football, hockey and baseball, Kevin also had a true passion for horses and rodeos; and

WHEREAS, Kevin began his career in the rodeo and radio industries in the 1980's. He was a professional bullfighter in rodeos across the Midwest for 13 years. Kevin jump started his radio career in St. Louis with KATZ. Kevin co-hosted his first morning show with Doc Jones on KMJM Majic 108 FM, and later with Tony Scott. In addition to Majic 108, he showcased his talents as various characters on the Doug Banks Show based in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Kevin relocated his family to Argyle, Texas where he continued his radio career as a founding member of the Tom Joyner Morning Show/ABC Radio Network, Radio Disney, The Rickey Smiley Morning Show and multiple radio platforms; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from bullfighting, Kevin picked up calf roping and was the announcer for the Cowboys of Color Rodeo for over 25 years. Kevin later attended and fellowshiped at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Denton, TX; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Elnora Woodson; daughter Leah (Billy) Mitchell of Houston TX; sisters, Sherry Woodson, Andrea (Christopher) Wilson, Crystal (Michael) Sherman; brother, Brian Jenious, and nephews, Darryl and Darren Frierson. Kevin was absolutely smitten and head over heels in love with his 10-month-old granddaughter, Harper Autumn Mitchell. He is also survived by his former wife, Cynthia Woodson and a host of family and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and celebrate the rich life of Kevin Rodney Woodson and by adoption of this resolution send our condolences to his family and join in with those celebrating his life. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 58

HONORING THE ST. LOUIS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (SLIP) OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Internship Program (SLIP) of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, is a premier comprehensive life and career readiness program that equips high school students in the St. Louis region with work readiness skills; and

WHEREAS, SLIP's goal is to provide hope and opportunity for high school students through paid summer internships, intensive employability training, and year-round life and career planning, in partnership with businesses and community organizations to build up the greater St. Louis community by developing motivated, diverse, and talented future employees; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, 98 percent of over 5,000 SLIP interns have successfully acquired employability skills. SLIP services to St. Louis youth are directly aligned with the strategic initiatives that the St. Louis City and county offices are currently undertaking and SLIP is happy to be a part of the upcoming strategic initiatives that will be taken into action to curb youth violence and unemployment; and

WHEREAS, for 33 years SLIP has been serving St. Louis youth and they plan to continue to provide quality employability skills and career development programming for our young people through their Career & Workforce Readiness Unit at Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis to empower young people to succeed. SLIP ensures youth will meet the workforce challenges of tomorrow by providing safe spaces, positive mentorship, and work experiences today; and

WHEREAS, SLIP allows kids and teens to explore their interests and passions, develop their employability skills, and apply their knowledge to real-world work experiences. SLIP remains committed to ensuring that every intern graduate from high school fully prepared for life and careers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor and recognize the many contributions of The St. Louis Internship Program (SLIP). We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the 2025 SLIP Class of Interns and Pre-Interns at their 33rd Annual Program Celebration on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at the IBEW Local 1 Union Hall by its Sponsor.

**Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 59
HONORING DR. ALICE ROACH**

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1949, two very proud parents, Lee E. and Rosie Moore, welcomed their beautiful baby girl Alice into their loving family in Leakesville, MS and in 1959 they moved to St. Louis. MO; and

WHEREAS, Alice received a revelation from the Lord in 1968 that she could do all things with Him because He gave her strength. After graduation from Beaumont High School, where she was later honored as a member of their distinguished Walk of Fame, she attended Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri - St. Louis, and Saint Louis University, where she earned her Ed.D degree and was honored in 2020 with the School of Education Alumni Merit Award; and

WHEREAS, with her profound education and God's Strength, Dr. Roach went on to do marvelous works all in his Name, to God be the Glory! She spent her entire professional career with the St. Louis Public Schools, as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal of Marquette/Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle Schools and Carnahan High School of the Future, and Chief of Staff of SLPS; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roach was a world-renown sought-after orator for educational and religious workshops. Along the way, she was honored with several local and national awards-the Met Life/National Civic League Ambassador in Education award for promoting school/community relations, the 2008 Teach for America "St. Louis Principal of the Year" award, and the 2009 Pettus Award for excellence in school administration. Under her leadership, the school received NCA/CASI certification as a quality high school, was one of only two St. Louis Public high schools to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress on the Missouri Assessment Program standardized tests, and was awarded a sizable eMINTS technology grant in 2007; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Dr. Roach was deeply honored to receive the St. Louis American Lifetime Achiever in Education award. After retiring, she took up the calling to serve as administrative director of the Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund, a scholarship and benevolent fund whose mission is to serve teachers and administrators of the district; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roach recognized the Lord's word instructed her to train up her children in the way that they should go so that when they are old, they promised they would not depart from it. She is so Godly proud of Kim and Brian and was excited they chose her to be their mother. She guided them with God's Word and God's Love. She taught them to be giving and kind, she thanks the Lord for her children and for their kind hearts and helping hands and promised to be with them always, she loves them so much; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roach continually thanked God for her grand baby, Miss Mya Chanel Moore! Everybody knows just how much she loves her grand baby. Mya is the apple of her eye and prayed to God a special prayer to help her to remember her Yah-Yah's spirit and remember that she was always there to push her forward and help her recall that "we can always fix it." as she remains thankful to God for showing himself strong in Mya's life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Roach departed this life grateful to Lord God for so many wonderful things knowing that ALL her life God had been faithful and so good to her, and thankful for her Fab Five —Melba Davis, Jesse Jones, Valiere Laususe, Lee Beasley, and Beverly Curry, and for her additional daughter, Starlett Frenchie.

Her eternal prayer is that her life and legacy be a reminder of excellence in God, that people walk in his will and know his holy word.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Dr. Alice Roach as well as her many achievements and immeasurable contributions to the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 60
HONORING JEAN MCCLENDON

WHEREAS, Jean McClendon was born on January 27, 1940, in St. Louis, Missouri, to her beloved parents Jimmie and Wauleane Morris, whose love and guidance shaped her into the compassionate and dedicated individual she became; and

WHEREAS, Jean McClendon graduated from Belleville Junior College in 1965, demonstrating her commitment to education and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, she furthered her medical training at Meharry Medical College, where in 1973 she became a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning, exemplifying her dedication to improving the health and well-being of her community; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Jean opened a Family Planning Clinic in East St. Louis, Illinois, on 15th and Broadway, providing vital health services and support to countless families; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, she expanded her impact by opening The Fitness Center at 10th and Missouri in East St. Louis, promoting health, wellness, and active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Jean, along with her three daughters and her mother Wauleane, founded Kim's Kids, in loving memory of her baby sister Kim Gatlin, who tragically passed away in a car accident the year prior, demonstrating her resilience and commitment to honoring loved ones through service and community; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Kim's Kids expanded to Missouri, continuing her legacy of caring and support for children and families; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Jean founded Friends A Meeting, fostering community and fellowship among those she served and loved; and

WHEREAS, after a life rich with service, compassion, and community impact, Jean retired in 2025 and moved to Atlanta, Georgia, leaving behind a legacy of inspiration and dedication.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor and celebrate the life, achievements, and enduring legacy of Jean McClendon—a woman of faith, resilience, and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others. Her contributions have left an indelible mark on her community and serve as a guiding light for future generations.

WE FURTHER DIRECT the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:
The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 61
HONORING FLOYD IRONS

WHEREAS, Floyd Irons is a distinguished alumnus of Vashon High School, graduating in 1967; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Vashon, Floyd Irons was a dedicated member of the National Honor Society, ranked 9th in a class of 450 students, and was the first Scholar Athlete nominated by the Post Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, he further excelled academically, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1971 from Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Irons made history as the first individual to serve simultaneously as Principal and Head Basketball Coach at Vashon High School, exemplifying leadership, dedication, and multifaceted service; and

WHEREAS, over his remarkable 35-year coaching career, he compiled an impressive record of 821 wins and 176 losses, leading the boys' basketball teams to 10 State Titles; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Irons's outstanding contributions to athletics and education have been recognized through his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, the Vashon Hall of Fame, and the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, since retiring from the St. Louis Public Schools in 2006, he has continued his commitment to community service as a proud team member of the Urban League's Division of Public Safety and Community Response; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Irons's legacy of excellence, leadership, and service continues to inspire students, athletes, and community members alike.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations recognize Mr. Floyd Irons for his outstanding achievements, unwavering dedication, and transformative impact on education and athletics in the St. Louis community.

WE FURTHER DIRECT the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:
The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 62
HONORING RETIRED FIREFIGHTER TYRONE MICHAEL SIMMS

WHEREAS, Tyrone Michael Simms was born on August 7, 1956, to the union of Mitchell and Johnnie Mae Simms. He was the second of eight children; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone was born and raised on the south side, in the City of St. Louis. He received his education through the St. Louis Public School System, graduating from McKinley High School in 1975. After high school, Tyrone attended the University of Missouri, Rolla to pursue a degree in Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone became a St. Louis City Fire Fighter on August 27, 1984. He was a dedicated firefighter for over 35 years, until his retirement on December 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone utilized his studies in engineering and went to work for Vandevanter Engineering Company on January 7, 1993. He retired from Vandevanter after 21 years of dedicated service on January 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone met and married Lavern Wilkerson on July 11, 1973. To this union, two children were born, Tiffany Simms and Tyrone, Simms, Jr. Several years later, he married Marlena Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone was a humble man. He was always doing something for somebody, rarely said no to anybody, and if asked, would do anything for everybody. He will be forever remembered by his family and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to express our condolences, as well as to honor and reflect upon the inspiring life of retired St. Louis Firefighter, Tyrone Michael Simms and by the adoption of this Resolution, wish to join in with those celebrating his life. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3rd Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 63
HONORING THE 85TH BIRTHDAY OF CELIA ANN (MRS. BEE) WATKINS

WHEREAS, Celia "Mrs. Bee" Watkins will be honored by family and friends on the occasion of her 85th birthday on Sunday, August 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Celia Ann "Mrs Bee" Watkins was born on August 17, 1940 in Starkville, Mississippi to Gertrude and General Lee Tate Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bee was the beloved wife to the late Allen Wesley Watkins; she is the proud mother of two sons and two daughters, Terrence, Kelvin, Lisa and Cheryl; the amazing grandmother of eight grandchildren, Tiffany, Ashlei, Terrence Jr, Kelvin Jr, Brandon, Lisa (Ce-Ce), Anthony and Ametrious; the awesome great-grandmother of 12 great-grandchildren; Brynin, Jacob, Peyton, Chrishawn, Kelvin III, Kamron, Kingston, Bradyn, E'Moni, Laylah, Amira, and Avah; and the great-great grandmother of one great-great grandson, Yasir; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Mrs. Bee, her husband and children moved to the Walnut Park neighborhood becoming first time homeowners when they purchased their property at 5919 Laura Avenue. It should be noted that Mrs. Bee has lived at this same property for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bee not only lives in the Walnut Park, she also worked as a school safety officer at Northwest High School where she demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of the students, staff and the Walnut Park Community. Mrs. Bee has been a part of the Walnut Park community for the last fifty years and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bee is a faithful member of Friendly Temple Church under the leadership of Bishop Michael Fulton Jones.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Mrs. Celia Ann (Mrs. Bee) Watkins on her 85th Birthday and by adoption of this Resolution wishes her many more productive years. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 64
HONORING MYA GRIMES

WHEREAS, this honorable Board of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the many achievements and contributions of Mya Grimes to our community including providing financial support and supplies to area students; and

WHEREAS, Mya Grimes will be honored at the Triple Threat Back to School Bash and Official Book Signing at the St. Louis Galleria Mall Entrance on August 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a proud native St. Louisian, Mya Grimes is a dynamic student leader, published author, Division 1 student athlete, and chief executive officer of Triple Threat, a global initiative dedicated to helping students be admitted into college and maximize their collegiate experience; and

WHEREAS, Mya Grimes was honored to be a Million Dollar Scholar, accumulating more than \$1 million in academic scholarship offers, and was accepted into over thirty colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, using her journey to inspire and educate others through workshops, mentorships, and speaking engagements, Mya Grimes enjoys supporting her peers as they navigate the difficulties of college applications and young adult life; and

WHEREAS, Mya Grimes currently attends Jackson State University, where she is majoring in business administration and serves as a high-level student leader as Miss Freshman. Sophomore class president, Student Government Association chief of staff, and ROAR intern; and

WHEREAS, sharing her perspective as a student leader, Mya Grimes has presented on the importance of student involvement, retention, and holistic well-being nationally partnered with numerous national brands to uplift youth, advocate for education, and spread a message of faith, resilience, and purpose;

WHEREAS, Mya Grimes' community involvement has been featured by MSNBC, CNN Associated Press, and various other international news platforms; and

WHEREAS, Mya Grimes has seen each of her successes with the love and support of her parents, Tina and Mark Grimes, and a host of family and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor Mya Grimes for her many accomplishments, achievements and contributions to our

community. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to her at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Michael Browning, Alderman 9th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 65
HONORING AMBER COLE**

WHEREAS, Amber Cole, a Saint Louis native, has devoted her life to serving the citizens of Missouri and is rooted in a legacy of service dating back to 1990; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole has dedicated more than three decades of public service across state and local government; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole's distinguished and impactful career stands as a model of uplifting communities, protecting families, and advancing justice through empowerment, innovation, and deep-rooted collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole's educational accomplishments include studies in Human Services and Business Administration, and she is trained as a Trauma-Informed Trainer, Mental Health First Aid Certified Peer Support Provider, Certified Medication-Assisted Recovery Specialist, and Emergency Management Certified; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole began her career with the Missouri Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer at Missouri Eastern Correctional Center, later serving as a Caseworker at St. Mary's Honor Center and as an Institutional Activities Coordinator at the St. Louis Community Release Center, where she implemented the first re-entry resource fair; she was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in January 2000, Minister Amber Cole transferred to Farmington Correctional Center to serve on the executive team as the first African American female chaplain, having previously volunteered in corrections at the facility; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Amber Cole continues to serve officers as their chaplain for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and serves the families of murder victims through the Homicide Ministers Community Alliance; she also initiated the National Lights Out and Block the Violence campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole has served in diverse roles within state agencies, including as an Income Eligibility Specialist with the Department of Social Services, contributing to determinations of eligibility for public assistance; and

WHEREAS, the retirement of Amber Cole on July 31, 2025, marks the end of an era of dedicated public service, mentorship, and leadership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations recognize Amber Cole for her outstanding achievements and transformative impact on the City of St. Louis and wish her all the best in her retirement. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and prepare a

commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:

The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 66
HONORING BLACK PRIDE ST. LOUIS' HISTORY AND LEGACY**

WHEREAS, Black Pride St. Louis was founded in 1995 by a group of passionate individuals who recognized the need for a dedicated space to celebrate Black St. Louis LGBTQIA+ identities; and

WHEREAS, Black Pride St. Louis has grown into a thriving community organization, hosting annual events, educational programs, and advocacy initiatives that uplift and support the Black St. Louis LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Black Pride St. Louis has built a legacy of resilience and solidarity, overcoming challenges, and celebrating victories; and

WHEREAS, Black Pride St. Louis mission is to foster a sense of unity, pride, and empowerment among the Black St. Louis LGBTQIA+ community while advocating for equality and social justice; and,

WHEREAS, the annual Black Pride St. Louis Celebration has become a cornerstone event, bringing together people from all walks of life to celebrate diversity, culture, and community; and

WHEREAS, Black Pride St. Louis has become a leader in the St. Louis Black LGBTQIA+ community that has been dedicated to improving lives, creating visibility, and advocating for equality in the St. Louis Black LGBTQIA+ community

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2025, celebrates the 30th Anniversary of Black Pride St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, celebrate, and honor Black Pride St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:

The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

Cosponsors:

The Honorable Megan Green, President Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3rd Ward

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward

The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable Michael Browning, Alderman 9th Ward

The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward

The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 4th Ward Alderman

The Honorable Matt Devoti, Alderman 5th Ward

The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 2nd Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 67
RECOGNIZING YOUTH BUILDERS SUMMER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, since 2017, Erion Johnson, Sr. has been mentoring youth and teaching skilled trades—not just to keep kids out of trouble, but to give them something to believe in. A trade. A purpose. A future; and

WHEREAS, after the May 16, 2025 tornado that devastated parts of St. Louis, including many north side neighborhoods, Erion reached out to youth in the community to start building tiny homes with the idea they could be used to house tornado survivors; and

WHEREAS, a summer program was established to build these tiny homes to teach youth carpentry skills to foster practical problem solving, creativity, and self sufficiency while opening pathways to well paying trades and lifelong craftsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Erion watched something incredible unfold. Rain or shine, young people showed up and showed out. With hammers in hand and heart in every nail, they’ve had a goal of building something powerful: 100 tiny homes for families affected by the tornado; and

WHEREAS, this summer project closes on August 13, 2025 with a Celebration of Achievement, honoring these young carpenters and thanking the volunteers who supported their program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the achievements of the Youth Builders Summer Project and wish them well in their further endeavors. We further instruct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the permanent rolls of this Board and to prepare a commemorative copy to be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 68
HONORING DR. DORIS JONES WILSON

WHEREAS, Dr. Doris Jones Wilson, daughter of the late Rev. Obadiah Jones and Ella Jones was a product of the St. Louis Public School and the Alleda Ward Wells Music Studio. She attended Sumner High School, earned Bachelor of Music Education degree from Lincoln University, the Master of Arts in Teaching and Doctor of Education degrees from Washington University, St. Louis, MO. Dr. Wilson did additional studies at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. She was a proud student of Dr. Kenneth Brown Billups and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Fall 1956, Alpha Theta; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson had over sixty-five years of service as a church musician. She started at the age of nine as pianist for Sunday School and Baptist Training Union at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. At age fourteen, she was the choir director at her father’s church. She served as Minister of Music at Liberty Community Baptist Church under her father, the late Rev Obadiah Jones, and her brother Bishop A.L. Jones for Thirty-Five years. She created and produced the Annual Christmas Concert Production, which was a holiday favorite of the community. The production ran for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson served as Minister of Music at the West Side M.B. Church, Dr. Pastor Charles Bobo, Sr. for thirteen years. She oversaw an expansive music department which included five choirs, two praise teams, and six-member instrumental staff. She directed the Sanctuary choir, the Adult Praise team, wrote and produced massive musical productions, coordinated annual music workshops, and taught at the West Side Great Things Music Academy. Upon retirement, she became Minister of Emeritus at the West Side Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Professor Emeritus of music at Harris Stowe State University (HSSU), Dr. Wilson had more than forty-four years of dedicated service as a music educator, having taught at all grade levels in the Public School system. Dr. Wilson retired from Harris Stowe State University serving Twenty-Nine years as the director of the award-winning Concert Chorale and professor of music education. Under her direction, Chorale received awards for excellence in national and international competitions. The Chorale traveled and performed extensively in the United States, Canada, Nassau Bahamas, and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands and aboard the M.S. Seward and S.S. Norway Cruise Ships; and

WHEREAS, in addition to directing HSSU choir, she taught the following courses: Basic Music, Choral Conducting, Voice, Piano (Beginning, Intermediate, & Advanced), Music History, Afro-American Music, Sight singing, Ear Training, and Harmony. Many of her students are professional musicians, choral directors, church musicians, educators, college professors, and music educators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson was the first choir director of the Upward Bound Program at St. Louis University. She was director of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Musical for St. Louis five times, beginning in 1980. She taught in the Antioch District Baptist Training Institute. She was also the Director of the Delta Choraliers 1995-2000, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. St. Louis Alumnae Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson served the St. Louis Community and vicinity as a Choral clinician and guest conductor. She believed strongly in preparing singers to give excellence in their music ministry endeavors. To this end she has written many papers on improving musical skills and knowledge in church music ministry. In addition to her work in church and school music, Dr. Wilson was the director of The Legend Singers Chorale Ensemble, founded by Dr. Kenneth Billups in 1940. This organization performs and preserves African-American folk music. She assumed this position in 1996 and served as director for twenty-four years. She retired as Director-Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson was an accomplished arranger and composer; Wilson's catalog of works is widely accepted and performed. Her most widely known composition is her arrangement of "Even Me". It has been recorded and performed nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson was the recipient of many awards and honor including The Clarence Hayden Wilson Music Guild Award, St. Louis Sentinel newspaper "Yes I Can Award; Service Award Missouri State Baptist Convention Award; Harris Stowe State College Distinguished Service Award; the Harris-Stowe Alumni Distinguished Service Award, Alleda Ward Wells Music Studio Award; Spotlight Review Award, St. Louis Chapter G.M.W.A.; The Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, The Missouri Arts Award; and The Living Legend in Church Music Award from Hampton University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson was also recipient of the Gold Medal for Concert Chorale, Internal Music Festival; Silver Medals for Concert Chorale, International Music Festival; Best Director Award Singsation Contest; GEMM Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award in the Arts; Creativity Award, G.M.W.A; Letter of Commendation from Bahamas Dept of Tourism for Concert Chorale performance in Nassau, Bahamas; Stellar Performer Award from St. Louis American for Outstanding Leadership in Music Education; Best Religious Productions from Announcers Guild, G.M.W.A. St. Louis/East St. Louis Chapter; Apple for the Teacher Award; Distinguished Contribution Award for Outstanding Promotion of Black Music and Black Musicians by

National Association of Negro Musicians; and most recently inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson held membership in various professional organizations such as American Choral Directors Association, Gospel Workshop of America St. Louis/East St. Louis Chapter, G.M.W.A. Board Member, and Music Educators National Conference; and

WHEREAS, Whereas Dr. Wilson's legacy will live on through her daughter, Karen, Son, Keith, and five grandchildren Keith Cloyd II, Kristopher Cloyd, Klinton Cloyd, Kaleb Cloyd, and Kasey Cloyd. She credited most of her success to her mother, father, and family.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Dr. Doris Jones Wilson and her many achievements and outstanding contributions to the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the family at a time deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 69
RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC MAYFAIR HOTEL

WHEREAS, the Mayfair Hotel first opened its doors on August 29, 1925, with a private reception and dinner for 120 stockholders and contractors, followed the next evening by a grand opening and dedication attended by 4,000 guests; and

WHEREAS, its founding father, Charles Heiss, a seasoned hotelier who began his career at the age of sixteen, established the Mayfair with an unwavering commitment to surpassing the standards of service and luxury offered by his peers, thereby creating the enduring legacy of elegance that continues today as the Magnolia Hotel; and

WHEREAS, designed by prominent architect Preston J. Bradshaw in the Italian Renaissance Revival style, the building's architectural beauty led to its addition to the National Register of Historic Places on September 17, 1979; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, the Mayfair's halls have welcomed iconic figures such as John Barrymore, Douglas Fairbanks, Cary Grant, Presidents Harry S. Truman, and Lyndon B. Johnson, and have become home to many firsts in Missouri and St. Louis, including Missouri's first five-star restaurant, the Mayfair Room; the state's first female hotel manager, Julie King; St. Louis's first rooftop pool; and the introduction of chocolates on the pillow by Cary Grant; and

WHEREAS, nationally acclaimed chef Edward Voegeli introduced the lunch "salad plate" from this very hotel, and its famous Mayfair dressing remains a culinary treasure still enjoyed today; and

WHEREAS, as the Mayfair Hotel celebrates its 100th anniversary, its history of architectural splendor, culinary innovation, and gracious hospitality continues to enrich the cultural and historic fabric of St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis pauses in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate the Mayfair Hotel on its 100th anniversary, honoring its century of elegance, innovation, and service to our city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 70
HONORING DETECTIVE EDWARD CLARK

WHEREAS, this Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the many accomplishments and contributions to our community of Detective Edward Clark, DSN 4086; and

WHEREAS, Detective Edward Clark has worked diligently to improve our city and the nation and we would like to formally recognize and honor his service; and

WHEREAS, Detective Clark is a Marine Corps veteran who also dedicated thirty-two years of his life graciously serving the people of the City of St. Louis through his work with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Detective Clark began his career as a 2nd District Police Officer in 1993 and served in the role until 1998. He then transitioned to the role of South Patrol Division Detective and served until 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 he was called to become a Homicide Unit Detective and fought to bring justice for victims and their families. Detective Clark honorably retired from the position on August 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Detective Clark led the St. Louis Police Officers' Association as its Recording Secretary, Vice-President, and President; and

WHEREAS, he additionally served the Missouri Fraternal Order of Police as a Trustee and Sergeant of Arms and as a Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission Member; and

WHEREAS, Detective Clark is supported by his wife Laura, sons Jared and Adam, daughter-in-law Maggie, and grandchildren Savannah, Ezra, Caroline, and Thomas; and

WHEREAS, in his free time Detective Clark enjoys spending time with family, traveling the United States in his Recreational Vehicle, visiting state and national parks, motorcycle driving, and spending time with his family at their country house in Belle, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Detective Clark dedicated his life to service, working as a detective of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and serving our country as a Marine Corps veteran.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank, congratulate, and honor Detective Edward Clark for his many years of service to our community and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and to recognize him for his accomplishments. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the

minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Matthew Devoti, Alderman 5th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 71
CELEBRATING FILMMAKER BEN SCHOLLE AND HIS DOCUMENTARY
“CATCHING BULLETS”

WHEREAS, filmmaker Ben Scholle created the documentary *Catching Bullets*, which chronicles the life of Preston “Tink” Jones as he struggled to navigate life in a community with limited resources, highlighting the realities that many youth in St. Louis face on a daily basis, such as glorified lifestyles, the influence of social media, gang culture, and the tragic outcomes that devastate families and communities; and

WHEREAS, *Catching Bullets* also highlights Darren Seals, who used his own street experiences to mentor youth, working to prevent them from repeating his mistakes; and

WHEREAS, the film captures not only the challenges but also the resilience and determination of St. Louis youth, using storytelling as a tool for awareness, education, healing, and prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, *Catching Bullets* received the honor of Documentary of the Year at the Missouri Art & Film Fest, recognizing its cultural and social significance; and

WHEREAS, the documentary has since been acquired by Buffalo 8 and will be released on major streaming platforms—including Tubi, Amazon, Amazon Prime, and Hulu—bringing St. Louis stories to a national and international audience while showcasing the city’s role in addressing youth violence and building solutions; and

WHEREAS, the official release date of *Catching Bullets* is set for August 15, 2025, a milestone for the City of St. Louis as it honors a local project that both memorializes lives lost and inspires transformative change; and

WHEREAS, we encourage everyone who can, to go and watch *Catching Bullets* on August 15, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Ben Scholle and his amazing artistry in *Catching Bullets*. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 72
HONORING THE INDUCTEES INTO THE NATIONAL BLACK RADIO HALL OF FAME

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the 2025 inductees into the National Black Radio Hall of Fame at its upcoming gathering on September 20, 2025 in St. Louis, MO; and

WHEREAS, the National Black Radio Hall of Fame was founded in 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri and is now located at Harris-Stowe State University, the area’s only member of Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, the National Black Radio Hall of Fame is a nonprofit 501c3 organization established to provide a place where people of all ages are able to learn about the rich history and achievements of national Black Radio stations and the many colorful personalities connected with it; and

WHEREAS, the need to establish The National Black Radio Hall of Fame resulted from the lack of representation of the many significant contributions and achievements of Black radio personalities that played a premiere and essential part in the shaping of the history of national radio; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the organization is to recognize, celebrate and commemorate the numerous famed Black radio personalities who are often overlooked by main stream national institutions; and

WHEREAS, “The National Black Radio Hall of Fame experience” is designed to offer an opportunity to celebrate the written, audio and oral history of Black radio and jazz music, and to explore the rich and dynamic culture of media, performing and visual arts, recording artists, writers and public relations; and

WHEREAS, the National Black Radio Hall of Fame have chapters in St. Louis, Atlanta, Chicago, Memphis, New York, Detroit, and cities in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana and Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the National Black Radio Hall of Fame offers a number of services including the Black Radio Hall of Fame Museum; educational programs for schools and organizations; the “Drop Da MIC” program for youth; various cultural workshops and special events; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 20, 2025 the new inductees, Arrested Development, Ron Atkins, Rojene Bailey, Robin Boyce, J. Anthony Brown, Kathy Brown, Michael Carter, Coalition DJs, Farley “Jack Master” Funk, Marsha Washington George, Dee Hill, Bev Johnson, Mike Kelly, Helen Little, Ed Lover, Willie Mae McIver, Barry Mayo, Phil Nelson, Jo Jo O’Neal, Rick Roberts “Jo Jo” Don Saint-John, Marvin Sapp, Elroy Smith, Renee Smith, Shirley Strawberry, Barbara Taylor, Lorenzo “Ice Tea” Thomas, Cheryl Winston, Mark Young, Posthumous Inductees, “Our Industry Candle Lights”, Charles “Hoppy” Adams, Jerry Boulding, Van Douglas, Sid Kennedy, Sr. , Herb Kent, Mary Mason, Cleo Sears, Wanda Smith and Gary Young will be honored and elected members of the national association at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, MO 63134.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of this Honorable Board of Aldermen pause in its deliberations to join the sponsor of this resolution in expressing their heartfelt congratulations to the 2025 National Black Radio Hall of Fame inductees at their gathering to be held in St. Louis, MO at the Renaissance Airport Hotel. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a properly inscribed and commemorative copy of this Resolution to be presented to the inductees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 73

HONORING THE GRADUATES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Program is an advanced leadership training program of Creating Whole Communities (a collaboration of the University of Missouri St. Louis and MU Extension) and the St. Louis Promise Zone-St. Louis Economic Development Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Neighborhood Leadership Fellows (NLF) is to increase and amplify the voices of North St. Louis City and North St. Louis County residents at civic decision-making tables in order to produce more equitable regional policies for neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, with over 117 applications submitted, the 2025 fellows were selected from neighborhoods in the St. Louis Promise Zone (due to the well-documented need for more targeted investment) or based on their service to the St. Louis Promise Zone through professional or volunteer endeavors; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from this nine month fellowship these leaders from North St. Louis City and North St. Louis County will receive an UMSL Chancellor's Certificate in Leadership and as a result of the NLF training, the fellows are better equipped to serve on regional and local boards and commissions, run for elected office, and work in teams to develop solutions to regional inequities; and

WHEREAS, a graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 honoring Ajia Knight-Brooks, Arica Davis-Clark, Colby Crowder, Curtis Griggs, Deborah Ogunti, Della El-Amin, Denitria Neil, Felicia Bishop, Jillian Bell, Kalonda Cloyd, Keba Jones, Kyra Clerk, Kyra Jefferson, LaChelle Billups, Marti Peebles, Nikki Wilson, Rachel Swinney, Raven Pugh, Reign Harris, Samantha Minor, Sequoi Edwards, Tashauna Parker, Tori Sombright, Vynetta Morrow, culminating their NLF experience.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor and congratulate the 8th Annual Cohort of The Neighborhood Fellows Leadership Fellows Program. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare commemorative copies to the end that they may be presented to the honorees during the 2025 Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Program Graduation Ceremony by its Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025, by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 74

HONORING REBECCA L. TORRY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the many efforts and accomplishments of Rebecca Louise Cheeseboro Torry; and

WHEREAS, in the small town of Cameron, South Carolina; Charlie Prophet Jones and Mary Lee Cheeseboro welcomed their only child Rebecca Louise Cheeseboro on December 2, 1937. She was born in the shadows of the great depression and racial segregation, little Rebecca lived in a tightknit, family home rich with guidance and love; and

WHEREAS, growing up in a wooden house that was raised from the ground, she recalled playing beneath the floor as a child, until she was too big to fit underneath. She remembered sneaking into the neighbor's yard and climbing pecan trees to get the pecans. She made white rag dolls out of corn cobs, using buttons for the eyes,

nose and lips, and clothing for the dolls. Raised primarily by her grandmother and aunt; she was good with a thread and needle; and

WHEREAS, education was intrinsically important to her throughout her entire life. She graduated from Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, South Carolina at the age of 16. During high school she was on the debate team and began taking college classes. She earned her associates degree in Arts at Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey, California, where she was the college librarian. She taught in the St. Louis Public schools as teaching assistant, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Education from Harris Stowe State University in 1982; and

WHEREAS, after obtaining her degree, she became an SLPS teacher. Upon retirement, she continued her teaching career in the Parochial school system at Bishop Healy. Dedicating over 40 years in education. Rebecca Louise met her lifetime love, Robert Guy Torry 1960, and they married in 1961. They created a beautiful family together, raised six children, Christina Govan, Roberta McWoods, Ramon Torry, Joseph Torry, Robert Guy Torry II, Malakia Torry Hutchinson. They were married for 52 years prior to his passing in 2014; and

WHEREAS, she served as a den mother for the Boy Scouts of America for many years. She loved traveling to see her six children, fourteen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren all over the United States. She also enjoyed a few guilty pleasures of Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and Animal Planet on television; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Louise Torry peacefully and triumphantly transitioned on July 22, 2025; not by coincidence that it was on the Feast of Mary Magdalene. She was a very complex, and layered woman. One aspect of her essence that was very clear, and continually expressed, was her faith in Christ. She lived and loved her faith out loud. She was active in many groups in the St. Louis Archdiocese. She was the recipient of the St. Charles Lwanga Award for exceptional service and dedication to the Black Catholic Community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Rebecca Louise Cheeseboro Torry. We further direct the Clerk of this board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of the end that it may be presented to the family at the time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September 2025 by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 75
HONORING ANITA L. BOND**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the many efforts and accomplishments of Anita Lyons Bond who passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 95, leaving behind a legacy that stands as a towering testament to courage, determination, and transformative leadership; and

WHEREAS, born July 6, 1930, Anita entered a world where civil rights were merely a distant dream. As the eldest of six children, lovingly known as "Mama Sister," she transformed leadership into a calling. Raising and guiding her sisters Yvonne, Vivian, Shirley, and Brenda, along with brother Vennie, Anita learned that true strength lies in lifting others as you climb, a principle that became the bedrock of every barrier she would shatter; and

WHEREAS, at 15, Anita graduated as valedictorian of Sumner High School. In 1946, she enrolled at St. Louis University as the first in her family to attend college, two full years before the institution officially integrated. In 1950, she became the first African-American student to graduate from the university with Magna Cum Laude honors. She broke another barrier by becoming the first African-American woman admitted to Pi Lambda Theta, the national education honor society, and Gamma Phi Epsilon, the prestigious Jesuit honor society; and

WHEREAS, her academic brilliance earned international recognition through study in Norway on a Ralph Bunche Fellowship, and in Mexico before completing her master's degree at Washington University. U.S. Vice President Lyndon Johnson personally appointed her to the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, and she later served as a delegate to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission through the Missouri Citizens Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Anita married Dr. Leslie Fee Bond, a distinguished surgeon. Their three children became her greatest pride: Leslie Fee Bond Jr., Erik Lyons Bond, and Candace Ayn Bond. In 1965, Anita and Les became the first African-American homeowners on prestigious Lindell Boulevard, across from Forest Park. Even while nurturing her family, Anita pursued justice through education reform. In 1965, she challenged the Missouri Board of Education's election procedures in a case that reached the state Supreme Court. Her victory amplified communities' voices in educational governance forever.; and

WHEREAS, Anita established the Citizens Education Task Force, funded by the Danforth Foundation, creating accountability mechanisms for educational institutions. Elected President of the St. Louis Board of Education in 1974, she played a pivotal role in elevating Harris-Stowe from a secondary school to a full state college. Federal Judge James Meredith appointed Anita in 1981 to write the St. Louis public school desegregation plan; and

WHEREAS, through every barrier broken, Anita's compass remained unshakeable: family first, service always. She found her deepest joy in her roles as wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. Her truest legacy lives in every barrier broken, every mind opened, every heart encouraged, and every life transformed by her fearless example. Anita Lyons Bond proved that one person, armed with unwavering courage and boundless love, can transform institutions while keeping family and faith at the center; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Anita Lyons Bond. We further direct the Clerk of this board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of the end that it may be presented to the family at the time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 76
HONORING RANDY B. ECHOLS

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the many efforts and accomplishments of Randy B. Echols who passed away, leaving behind a legacy that stands as a towering testament to courage, determination, and transformative leadership; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bernard Echols was born October 21, 1956, in Sikeston, Missouri, the third of eight children and the eldest of two boys. From the very beginning, Randy never blended into the background-he had a knack for making an entrance, an opinion, and a memory all at once; and

WHEREAS, raised in the Word at West End Missionary Baptist Church, Randy came to know Christ early in life—a decision that no doubt saved him from some of his more questionable ideas later on. He attended Lincoln School in Sikeston's Sunset Addition prior to integration, later graduating from Sikeston Senior High School, where he wrestled both on the mat and, occasionally, with authority figures. Always tinkering with electronics, after high school Randy enlisted in the United States Navy to become an electrician; and

WHEREAS, Randy served 2 years as an electrician, got out of the Navy and went back in as a medic. Serving aboard on the USS America, Randy spent three years traveling the world, collecting stories, eating new foods, and making memories. He later completed his naval career in San Diego as a Hospital Corpsman; and

WHEREAS, eventually settling in San Francisco, California and later St. Louis, Randy built a career serving the City of St. Louis at the Treasurer's Office. During his 19-year tenure, he made many friends-though it's fair to say some coworkers probably got more stories, jokes, and tall tales than actual work out of him; and

WHEREAS, Randy never stopped being the life of the party, the storyteller, and the walking highlight reel of his own comedy special. His idiosyncrasies became family legends, and his name will never be mentioned without a smile, a shake of the head, and usually a story that starts with, "Remember that time Randy..."; and

WHEREAS, Randy is survived by his son, Jeron Bernard Davis of San Francisco, CA, his only child, and three grandchildren: Dejah, Jeron II, and Jaxon Davis. His siblings include Senator Maida Harrington-Coleman, Regina Harrington, Janice Beach Sturgis, and Samuel A. Beach, Jr., all of St. Louis, MO; and Yolanda Beach Walton and Charlotte Beach Young of Charlotte, NC. He stated often that he was "Living the Life of Riley!" And if you knew Randy, you know he meant it. He did it HIS WAY; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Randy B. Echols, on his many contributions to our city. We further direct the Clerk of this board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of the end that it may be presented to our honorees at the time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September 2025 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 77
CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. LOUIS AGENCY ON TRAINING AND
EMPLOYMENT (SLATE) AND RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS APPRENTICESHIPS
MONTH AND NATIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH IN ST. LOUIS

WHEREAS, for fifty years, the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) has served as the City's workforce leader, providing residents with no-cost career coaching, training, and job placement, delivering over 40,000 services to nearly 12,000 people in the last year alone; and

WHEREAS, SLATE strategically builds talent pipelines for high-demand fields by funding short-term training and apprenticeship programs that rapidly connect job seekers to employment in sectors like healthcare, IT, transportation and logistics, construction, and advanced manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating a commitment to equitable opportunity, SLATE serves all residents, including veterans, at-risk youth, and justice-involved citizens, through innovative programs that unlock potential in often-overlooked communities; and

WHEREAS, SLATE helps mid-level professionals, small business owners, and entrepreneurs rebuild careers and secure stable employment following challenges such as the devastating May 2025 tornado; and

WHEREAS, in September 2025, SLATE will celebrate its 50th anniversary alongside National Workforce Development Month and Apprenticeship Month, hosting an Apprenticeships and Trades Career Fair to connect residents with employers and training providers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and celebrate the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) on its 50th anniversary and its invaluable contributions to the residents and employers of the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to SLATE.

Introduced this 12th Day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Jami Cox Antwi, Alderwoman 8th Ward

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 78
RECOGNIZING MARY SLY AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE**

WHEREAS, Mary Sly is the Vice President of KeeleyCares for the Keeley Companies and leads Keeley's across the country in their work serving their communities through giving of their time, talent and treasure, and she is President of the KeeleyCares Foundation, a 501c3, supporting over 60 charities on an ongoing basis, and since 2016, Keeley's have assisted their communities with over 200,000 volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sly lived her dream of restoring, owning, and operating an iconic diner in the city of Kirkwood where she happily served customers and friends every day; the historic, Spencer's Grill, is going strong and continues making delicious food and memories for its guests; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sly sits on several non-profit Boards including the Urban League of Greater St. Louis, the Youth and Family Center, Saint Patrick Center and Social Venture Partners, and she gives freely of her time, volunteering extensively on evenings and weekends; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sly is a proud graduate of Saint Louis University and is blessed with an amazing family. Her greatest gifts in life are her four grown children and four grandchildren.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Mary Sly as a Salute to Women Awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 79
RECOGNIZING KRISTEN SORTH AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE**

WHEREAS, Kristen Sorth became St. Louis County Library’s first female Director and CEO in November 2013, and Ms. Sorth has a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri–Columbia and a Master’s in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and she has been with the Library since 1998, and before she was appointed Director, she served as Assistant Director of Administration; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Sorth has focused on building community partnerships to provide innovative programming and increased community involvement, and this effort has resulted in several successful and award-winning partnerships with local organizations, including Operation Food Search, St. Louis Area Diaper Bank and Eye Thrive; programs include offering meals and other basic needs at library locations, hosting full-time social workers at the library, addressing digital access for students, families and older adults by providing technology, and hosting weekly legal clinics for the justice-impacted; Sorth guided SLCL’s building and expansion program, Your Library Renewed, over the last 11 years; the building plan, which involved renovating or replacing 21 facilities, was unprecedented in the Library’s 78-year history; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Sorth received the Community Builders Network Award for Excellence in Public Sector Leadership in 2025, and in 2024, she was recognized with both the Community Changemaker Award from Focus St. Louis for What’s Right with the Region and St. Louis Magazine’s A-List Visionary Award for her transformative work in changing how local libraries serve their communities; She is the recipient of the 2023 Titan Business Award, which acknowledges the achievements of both entrepreneurs and organizations worldwide, and she is the 2019 winner of ALA’s Ernest A. DiMattia Award for Innovation and Service to Community and Profession; Ms. Sorth was among 10 chosen from a wide array of St. Louis’ most accomplished women to join the YWCA Academy of Leaders, and the St. Louis Business Journal named Kristen Sorth one of 2015’s Most Influential Business Women and she is also a member of the International Women’s Forum, a network of the world’s most accomplished women; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Sorth with her hard work has lead The Library District to receive many accolades; In 2025, the Library was honored with the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize, a national award recognizing libraries for their active collaboration with local governments and communities; The Library received the nation’s highest honor for museums and libraries, the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, in 2022; the Missouri Library Association named SLCL the 2022 and 2014 Missouri Library of the Year and SLCL has been named a Top Place to Work by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for eleven years; In 2024, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch awarded Ms. Sorth the Top Place to Work Large Business Leadership Award, and their local awards include What’s Right with the Region in 2016 for early literacy programming; the National Philanthropy Day Changemakers Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals St. Louis Regional Chapter in 2020; and the Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments in 2017 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Sorth is the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Kathy J. Weinman Shelter, Co-Chair of the Investor Council for Greater St. Louis, Inc., and Chair of the YWCA Academy of Leaders Selection Committee and she also serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri and on the Advisory Council for the Regional Response Team.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Kristen Sorth as a Salute to Women Awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 80
RECOGNIZING JUDY REESE MORSE AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE**

WHEREAS, Judy Reese Morse serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Louisiana, the largest black-led and black-serving non-profit in Louisiana and in this role, she is responsible for the growth and continued evolution of the Urban League as it seeks to create an environment in which a legacy of wellbeing and economic security passes from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reese Morse has driven statewide expansion to five additional cities, created new revenue streams, significantly increased the organization's budget and led the board of directors and staff through the development of a new, data-driven and community-informed strategic direction; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reese Morse is the founder of the Empowerment & Policy Conference, the first annual statewide policy conference in Louisiana that prioritizes issues and policy solutions for blacks and other people of the global majority; the founder of the Big Health Event, a large, annual community health equity activation; and the founder of the SEE CHANGE Collective, a long-term collective impact initiative designed to close the racial wealth gap for black and brown people in Louisiana through policy and program prescriptive; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reese Morse had an impactful career in government at the federal, state and local levels prior to joining the Urban League movement and she was a Presidential Management Fellow at two federal agencies in Washington, DC, served as Chief of Staff in the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor's Office and served as a Deputy Mayor for the City of New Orleans as well as Chief of Staff and Chief Administrative Officer for the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reese Morse has a background in communications which includes management positions at National Public Radio in Washington, DC and WWL-TV in New Orleans and she is a member of Loyola University of New Orleans' Communications Department Den of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reese Morse earned an undergraduate degree from Loyola University of New Orleans and a Master of Public Administration degree from American University in Washington, DC. and she has been recognized by numerous organizations including ESSENCE, the National Urban League and Loyola University of New Orleans for leadership and public service; and

WHEREAS, Judy Reese Morse is married to Pastor Chuck Morse, who also serves as President and CEO of Thrive New Orleans and they have two young adult children, Grace and Trey.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Judy Resse as a Salute to Women awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 81
RECOGNIZING DEIDRE GRIFFITH AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE**

WHEREAS, Deidre Griffith for the past 25 years, has put people who are at greatest risk for poor health outcomes at the center of her work, playing a crucial role in addressing health disparities and inadequate access in communities across the St. Louis region and rural Missouri; throughout her public health career, Deidre has answered the call to serve communities; and

WHEREAS, Deidre Griffith joined BJC Health System in 2023 as Vice President, Community Health Improvement, in this role, Deidre oversees BJC's system-wide community health strategy and leads a talented team of professionals who are dedicated to the department's mission to improve community health and socioeconomic outcomes; Deidre and her team collaborate with community partners while leveraging BJC's position as an anchor institution and major economic driver in the region to advance change; and

WHEREAS, Deidre Griffith was an executive leader with a national nonprofit organization, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, where she led the programmatic vision for equitable, inclusive and just delivery of the organization's strategies to transform youth-serving environments and empower youth to develop lifelong healthy habits; Deidre also has an extensive background in health philanthropy, previously serving as Program Director at Missouri Foundation for Health where she led numerous strategic initiatives, including *Healthy Schools Healthy Communities*— an ambitious and collaborative, multi-million-dollar obesity prevention initiative prioritizing schools in disinvested urban and rural communities; Deidre's foundation as a public health leader was shaped early in her career through her experience in community-based participatory research as a program manager and research coordinator with Washington University in St. Louis and Saint Louis University; Deidre was also instrumental in recruiting and training underrepresented students to SLU's Master of Public Health program and has returned to SLU regularly to share her public health journey as a guest lecturer; and

WHEREAS, Deidre Griffith received her Master of Public Health from Saint Louis University and her Bachelor of Art in Sociology/Environmental Studies from Loyola University New Orleans; she has received numerous honors and recognitions including Terrance Keenan Institute for Emerging Leaders in Health Philanthropy, the 2025 Alumni Merit Award for Saint Louis University's College for Public Health & Social Justice; she is an alumna of Leadership St. Louis Class 40 and was recently selected by the Annie E. Casey Foundation for their prestigious Children and Family Fellowship (Class 13) along with 15 other classmates across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Deidre Griffith also dedicates time to provide mentorship to rising public health professionals committed to advancing health equity and she serves on several mission-driven nonprofit boards including Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Youth & Family Center, and St. Louis Integrated Health Network; as a native St. Louisan, Deidre is inspired every day by the resiliency of the communities she serves, dedicated colleagues, and her loving friends and family-especially her mother who she credits with empowering her with a strong foundation to be a woman in leadership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Deidre Griffith as a Salute to Women in Leadership Awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 82
RECOGNIZING ALICIA A. BAMS AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR AT THE SALUTE TO WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

WHEREAS, Alicia A. Bams serves as the Payroll Specialist to the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., Alicia has been an employee of the Urban League since January 1999, over her 26 years of service she has offered her knowledge in many different departments of the agency, she began her tenure as the Intake Assistant in the Weatherization Department, moved to the Administrative Assistant and Executive Assistant to the former President & CEO of the Urban League and assisted in the Special Events and Development Department, and in 2013, Alicia moved to the Development Department as Director of Special Events, where she assisted with the implementation of the St. Louis Whitney M. Young Giving Society and Salute to Women in Leadership Gala commenced by our President & CEO; and

WHEREAS, In her current role, Payroll Specialist, she processes compensation to over 350 staff members and 150+ summer employees weekly, and she assists staff members of the agency daily, with payroll questions, benefits and kind conversation, and in addition, she operates the Urban League Payroll Department with efficiency, loyalty and integrity, and Alicia works alongside the Finance Department; assisting in any way possible from general business of the agency to personally connecting with each staff member; and

WHEREAS, Alicia volunteers at countless events, assisting with coordination of the 2007 National Urban League Conference in St. Louis, MINK Conference, Board Member Retreats and more than 20 of our own Annual Dinner Meetings; You can always count on her to work with a smile; and

WHEREAS, Alicia is a member of the National Urban League Quarter Century Club, a recipient of the St. Louis Marie W. Williams Annual Staff Award and Urban League Employee of the Month, and she is the true meaning of an Urban Leaguer!; and

WHEREAS, Alicia is the wife of Charles for 26 years, mother to Christopher and the best daughter, sister and friend anyone could ask for.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Alicia A. Bams, the 2025 recipient of the Woman of the Year Award at the Salute to Women in Leadership. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 83
RECOGNIZING MEREDITH KNOPP AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE

WHEREAS, Meredith Knopp is a distinguished leader with a diverse background encompassing military service, nonprofit leadership, and business management; her career highlights include significant contributions to community service and veteran empowerment, as well as transformative leadership in food security.

WHEREAS, Since February 2018, Meredith Knopp has served as President and CEO of the St. Louis Area Foodbank, leading the organization through significant transformation. Under her leadership: the Foodbank received the BBB Torch Award for the first time in 2019 and was recognized by Feeding America for Excellence in Community Building in 2022, and the organization also earned accolades for innovative solutions and community impact from FOCUS St. Louis and Feeding America, including a prestigious Network Award in 2025 for pioneering food sourcing partnerships replicated nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Knopp herself was named among the top 25 Most Influential Businesswomen in St. Louis in 2020 and was honored as a St. Louis TITAN 100 Leader in both 2023 and 2024, culminating in her induction into the St. Louis TITAN Hall of Fame in 2025, and she was also listed among St. Louis Magazine's top 500 business leaders in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Knopp's military and early career included seven years in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Captain and holding roles such as Company Commander and Senior Project Officer; Following her military service, she transitioned into business as a General Manager in large-format retail for five years before moving into nonprofit leadership; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Knopp spent four years as Senior Vice President at Junior Achievement of St. Louis and she then dedicated nearly seven years to serving at The Mission Continues as Senior Vice President of Programs and Operations, where she was instrumental in designing and launching programs that empowered over 25,000 veterans to impact their communities and additionally, she helped award 2,000 community service fellowships to post-9/11 veterans nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Knopp was born and raised near Detroit, Michigan, Meredith currently resides in the St. Louis area with her husband Ken of more than 22 years and their daughter Abigail, and beyond her professional commitments, she serves on the Missouri Veteran's Commission by gubernatorial appointment, enthusiastically coaches girls' softball, and actively participates in her church.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Meredith Knopp as a Salute to Women Awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 84
RECOGNIZING VICKI PEARSON AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE**

WHEREAS, Vicki Pearson is a highly experienced Human Resources professional with a robust background in employment compliance, equal employment opportunity (EEO), inclusion, succession planning, and talent management; her career spans leadership roles at some of the most prominent companies in the United States, including Tyson Foods, Dean Foods, Sara Lee Corporation, and Allstate Insurance; Vicki's expertise in affirmative action, employee relations, federal contractor compliance, and Human Resources (HR) management has been pivotal in shaping HR policies and practices that align with corporate goals and regulatory standards, and she is known for her proactive approach to building relationships and serving as a valuable business partner; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Pearson currently, as the Sr. Director of Employment Compliance and EEO at Tyson

Foods, Vicki leads the Employment Compliance function, identifying and mitigating the company's risks, and she provides strategic direction, guidance, and oversight for enterprise-wide compliance to ensure Tyson meets its federal contractor obligations and regulatory requirements, with a strong emphasis on equal employment opportunity (EEO) in hiring and selection practices, and additionally, Vicki oversees immigration compliance and Form I-9 management, developing and implementing policies, programs, training, and procedures; She is recognized as a forward-thinking leader passionate about driving business value through partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Pearson prior to joining Tyson, held significant roles, including lead HR Consultant, where she advised clients and delivered human resources strategies, processes, and programs; at Dean Foods, she served as Director of Compliance and Corporate Human Resources, where she led the development and implementation of comprehensive programs ensuring adherence to federal and state employment laws, and she also played a key role in successful M&A activities, ensuring seamless integration of workforce and compliance standards; at Sara Lee Corporation, Vicki was Corporate HR Manager and Sr. Manager of Public Responsibility, where she provided funding for grants to non-profit organizations and built relationships with national professional, non-profit, community, and civic leaders, and she created company-wide programs and directed educational initiatives, including internships and awarding scholarships to at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Pearson holds an MBA in Management from Loyola University Chicago, and she is a lifetime member of the National Black MBA Association, a member of Leadership Illinois, the Urban League of Metropolitan Saint Louis Whitney M. Young Society charter member, and currently serves as the Vice Chair of the National Industry Liaison Group's (NILG) board of directors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Vicki Pearson as a Salute to Women Awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 85
RECOGNIZING JANET SMITH-HILL AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE**

WHEREAS, Janet Smith-Hill, a Salute to Women Awardee, will be accepting her Award from the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis on Saturday, September 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Janet Smith-Hill's ability to envision and achieve unprecedented outcomes is fueled by her passion to serve others through a faith-informed, people-centered, values-based leadership style focused on individual and organizational flourishing; for Janet, called to participate in God's redemptive agenda for the world, exceptional performance which supports the common good is an ultimate marker of sustainable business success; and

WHEREAS, Janet Smith-Hill has over thirty years of experience in organizational leadership and she focuses on affirming the human dignity and inherent worth of individuals while designing and implementing solutions in leadership, cultural transformation, talent development inclusive of coaching, mentorship and sponsorship, and performance management; as a strategic partner and trusted advisor to leaders at all levels, Janet is known for modeling compassion with accountability, humility with fierce resolve, and curiosity with catalytic change; and

WHEREAS, Janet Smith-Hill joined SSM Health in August 2020, a Catholic-based, not-for-profit, regionally integrated delivery network headquartered in St. Louis, MO, serving as its Chief People Officer and realizing that “talent is everywhere but opportunity is not,” Janet was inspired by the Ministry’s strategic aspiration to become a nationally recognized healthcare organization where all people can reach their potential and fulfill their calling, and in addition to establishing an inclusive, enterprise-wide talent strategy, her areas of responsibility include HR business, culture and team member experience, HR operations and technology, employee relations, talent acquisition, talent management, total rewards, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, Janet Smith-Hill having spent her entire career in the healthcare industry, she began her career at Duke University Medical Center where much of Janet’s business acumen can be attributed to previous operational and clinical experience as a nursing leader, and prior to 2001 when she transitioned to human resources, she held a variety of leadership roles in administration, nursing leadership, and managed care; and

WHEREAS, Janet Smith-Hill’s passion to work with organizations committed to enriching the human experience has also informed her work on a variety of boards and professional organizations including the Society for Human Resources Management, American Society Healthcare Human Resource Administration, the North Carolina Nurses Association, and the National League for Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Janet Smith-Hill has been married to her husband, Anthony Hill, for the last 35 years and together they have two adult children, Christa and Spencer, and she is committed to lifelong learning, Janet received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Science in Nursing Administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; in 2020, Janet became a certified professional coach and is currently a doctoral candidate at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Janet Smith-Hill as a Salute to Women awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

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The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 86

RECOGNIZING EVELYN CHAMPAGNE KING AS A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Evelyn Champagne King was called "Bubbles" because of her effervescent personality and sense of humor; Some thought she'd grow up to become a comedienne, but young Evelyn King was an all-around performer who sang, danced... whatever it took to hold her audience of friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Champagne King is one of the few disco stars who successfully weathered the decline of disco to have more hits through the 1980's and not only did she manage to survive as a star into the 1980's, she is still recording and touring frequently today and Evelyn was born into a musical family; she was born in The Bronx and her father, Erick King, performed often as a stand-in singer for various groups, occasionally at the legendary Apollo Theatre; later, her family moved to Philadelphia, at 14-years-old Evelyn began performing professionally with a local band from South Philly; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Champagne King’s big break came when she was introduced to RCA Records Warren Schatz & Nancy Jeffries where she then was signed to a contract deal, and produced her first album *Smooth Talk*; the album included the disco dance smash hit “Shame”; she earned some notoriety as a teenager singing adult-themed songs in an adult-sounding voice, then Evelyn was on her way and the follow-up, “I Don't Know If It's Right” was a major mid-tempo R&B hit; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Champagne King had only minor success through the end of the 1970's, but she began working with former B.T. Express member Kashif, who also had a partner Paul Laurence as they teamed up to work with her and the result in 1981 was “I'm in Love,” a #1 dance hit, and she followed up with the *Get Loose* album in 1982 and another smash, the classic anthem “Love Come Down.” Kashif maintained an open, uncluttered production style that let Evelyn's strong, rich voice shined through; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Champagne King continued to hit the charts through the rest of the early 1980's and later in the decade she left RCA for E.M.I. Records. The result was another major hit with “Flirt.”

WHEREAS, Evelyn Champagne King's 1995 album *The Girl Next Door* is a celebration of this philosophy: a spirited, ear-opening 10-song platter that is all Evelyn and produced by such luminaries as Leon Silver III and Gene Dozier, Nayan, Ten City, Marshall Jefferson, and her brother Johnny King, *The Girl Next Door* deftly showcases the versatile musical and vocal talent that has kept the artist among the most important female vocalists of the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Champagne King’s 10 album career (*The Girl Next Door* became her 11th LP), fans and critics have continued to watch and applaud the artist grow and expand creatively without ever losing touch with who she is; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Champagne King has since received a Dance Music Hall Of Fame Award” in 2004, “Living Legend Award in 2007, and countless Outstanding Achievement Awards for the work she continues to do in the music world; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn “Champagne King” has been back in the studio recording a new highly anticipated album to return her to today’s charts and show the world that she still got what it takes to make you move and groove; and

WHEREAS, Today Evelyn continues to tour and please her fans around the world and is back in the studio to release yet another fan pleasing record.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Evelyn Champagne King as a Lifetime Achievement Awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 87

RECOGNIZING SCHRON JACKSON AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE

WHEREAS, Schron Jackson joined Schnuck Markets, Inc. in 2018 and serves as the company’s Director of Community Engagement and Customer Care; In this role, she manages Schnucks' philanthropic and community engagement efforts, overseeing the customer service and e-commerce call centers, and her responsibilities also

include developing, promoting, and executing Schnucks' cause-related philanthropic efforts such as corporate giving, employee giving, and volunteering; She creates and executes comprehensive plans to engage internal and external stakeholders, manages over \$15 million in yearly food donations to local communities through partner food pantries, leads the Schnucks United Way Campaign, and maintains partnerships with many of the region's leading nonprofit organizations including the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Operation Food Search, United Way of Greater St. Louis, The Salvation Army, and American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Schron Jackson spent 19 years as the public information manager at the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, where her responsibilities covered communications, including managing internal and external communications, media relations, and maintaining the department's social media presence; Earlier in her career, she was a coordinator for a consumer complaint division at St. Louis television station KTVI; and

WHEREAS, Schron Jackson also serves on the board of directors for Christian Hospital Foundation and the Better Business Bureau of Greater Missouri and Southern Illinois; she holds a Master of Arts in Communications and Public Relations from Webster University and a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville; she enjoys being actively involved in her church, volunteering, and spending quality time with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Schron Jackson received the Edward J. Schnuck Award for community service from Schnucks (2023) and two Anna 5 Spoon Awards from Schnucks, and she received an Award of Merit from the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis (2021) and a Proclamation from the City of St. Louis, awarded by Mayor Lyda Krewson (2018), and she also received two Chief's Letters of Commendation from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Schron Jackson has led Schnucks to receiving numerous company awards, including the Corporate Philanthropy Award (Large Business) from the St. Louis Business Journal (2020), and second place for the Corporate Philanthropy Award (Large Business) from the St. Louis Business Journal (2021-2025); Other recognitions include the Innovation Award from the St. Louis Business Journal (2025), Outstanding Independent Grocer from Progressive Grocer (2024, 2025), the Doing The Most Good Award from The Salvation Army (2022), the Community Uplift Award from FMI - The Food Industry Association (2022), and the Impact Award from Progressive Grocer (2022); Additionally, the United Way of Greater St. Louis recognized Schnucks as a Million Dollar Plus Donor from 2019-2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Schron Jackson as a Salute to Women Awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

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The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 88 RECOGNIZING PATRICIA BOSMAN AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE

WHEREAS, Patricia Bosman is a visionary nonprofit executive, strategist, and purpose-driven leader committed to breaking cycles of generational poverty; as President and CEO of The Haven of Grace in St. Louis, she leads a highly respected organization that provides housing, resources, and long-term support to unhoused pregnant women and their children; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Bosman draws on a successful career in corporate leadership, Patricia brings a high-performance mindset to the nonprofit sector, aligning business discipline with deep social impact; under her leadership, The Haven of Grace has strengthened its programs, expanded mental and emotional wellness services, and introduced strength-based, trauma-informed practices that empower both women and children, and she also transformed the organization's After Care program into Project Inspire, a decade-long whole-family initiative focused on housing stability, workforce readiness, parenting, and education; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Bosman is known for her bold vision, collaborative leadership, and unwavering belief in the potential of women and families when given the tools to thrive; her impact has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Titan 100 and Deluxe 100 awards, and she is also a respected voice on maternal health, nonprofit innovation, and systems change.

WHEREAS, Patricia Bosman is an arts enthusiast and dedicated advocate for civic engagement; she remains deeply committed to service, storytelling, and creating spaces where dignity leads and transformation follows, and Patricia is especially grateful for the love and support of her husband, Dwayne Bosman, and their children, who inspire and encourage her every step of the way.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Patricia Bosman as a Salute to Women awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 89
RECOGNIZING GWEN G. MIZELL AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE

WHEREAS, Gwen Mizell is Senior Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer and a member of the Executive Leadership Team for Ameren Corporation and she is responsible for developing and executing the company's sustainability strategy and optimizing collective inclusive impacts across the enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Mizell's expertise in the energy industry was developed through prior roles of increasing responsibility at Westinghouse Electric, Siemens, ABB, Calpine Corporation, and KEMA Consulting where she built an energy consulting firm, GSM Development, where she served as president and CEO for 10 years before joining Ameren and prior to her current role, she held leadership positions in Sustainability, Electrification, and Innovation within Ameren; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Mizell holds a master's degree in management and public policy analysis from Carnegie Mellon University and a bachelor's degree in materials science and engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and in addition, she completed certificate programs in Public Policy Management at the Harvard JFK School of Government and in Strategic Inclusion Management at Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Mizell was appointed to the board of directors for Gibraltar Industries in 2021 and her industry board service includes co-chairing the Edison Electric Institute's Sustainability Committee and chairing the American Association of Blacks in Energy's Sustainability and Development Committees; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Mizell committed to building strong families and communities, Mizell pays it back by serving on several nonprofit and civic organization boards and she chairs her family foundation to close gaps for high school and first-generation college students, providing mentoring and supportive services to ensure their success; and

WHEREAS, Savoy Magazine recognized Mizell as one of 2022's Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Gwen Mizell as a Salute to Women awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 90

RECOGNIZING DR. JUANITA CHAMBERS AS A SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARDEE

WHEREAS, Dr. Juanita Chambers, a proud product of the St. Louis Public Schools attended the renown Banneker Elementary School and graduated from the historical Sumner High School; a graduate of Washington University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry; a Masters Arts in Science from Webster University; a Masters Arts in Educational Leadership Administration from Saint Louis University; and received an Ed.D. in Leadership Administration from Lindenwood University in 2022, During her tenure as a teacher she served as an Adjunct Professor in the Science Department at Harris-Stowe State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Juanita Chambers is a retired and tenured educator with thirty-one years of teaching experience in Physical Science at the middle school level for nine years and taught Physical Science, Life and Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Genetics at the high school level for fifteen years; she mentored first-and second-year teachers, served as a science fair coordinator, facilitated workshops for the district and Local 420/American Federation of Teachers (AFT), and provided training on Common Core standards for the National AFT in Washington, D.C. in addition to tutoring students; during the final seven years of my career, she held roles such as Literacy Coach, Instructional Support Coordinator, and Building Steward for Local 420; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Juanita Chambers initial career passion was to become a doctor, but while being put on a waiting list repeatedly she accepted a position as a substitute science teacher in the Saint Louis Public Schools; to maintain that position she pursued certification as a teacher; this marked the beginning of her teaching career with a degree in Biology and a comprehensive foundation of coursework completed in college she obtained life-certification in multiple areas of science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Juanita Chambers is now a retired professional, she remains actively engaged in community and educational initiatives; since 1999, she has served on the Minority Environmental Literacy Advisory Committee of Missouri, appointed by the late Senator J.B. Banks; in this capacity, she assists with the review and selection of scholarship applicants interested in pursuing careers in Environmental Science; she also serves as the Retiree Liaison for Local 420 AFT-CIO, holds a position on the Executive Board of the Retired Educators of the Saint Louis Public Schools (RESTL), and is a member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association, and has volunteered during election periods to register high school students for voter registration

drives across city, county, and private schools; she received the 2023 Parsons Blewett Retired Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Juanita Chambers has been actively involved with the Saint Louis Urban League Guild, where she serves as the Parliamentarian; she received a certificate of appreciation from the Guild for volunteer efforts during the COVID-19 food drives and has participated in COVID-19 vaccination clinics and Back-to-School Safety initiatives; she has also volunteered at health fairs and have served as Co-Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, she has contributed to voter registration drives on behalf of the Guild; she is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which is renowned for its dedication to community service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Juanita Chambers has received a Certificate of Appreciation Membership Drive for AFT-Local 420, July 2013, 2014, and 2015, and has received a certificate of Appreciation from Urban League Guild for volunteering in COVID-19 food drives during the pandemic – December 2021, and has received a Certificate of Appreciation, COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic(s) & Back to School Safety for All Campaign (2021-2022), AFT-Local 420.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Dr. Juanita Chambers as a Salute to Women in Leadership Awardee. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 91
RECOGNIZING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART VILLA**

WHEREAS, Sacred Heart Villa was founded in 1940 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Sacred Heart Villa is to provide an exceptional educational program rooted in strong Catholic values; and

WHEREAS, Sacred Heart Villa is dedicated to the total intellectual, spiritual, physical, social and emotional development of young children; and

WHEREAS, generations of families, teachers, and community partners have walked through the doors of Sacred Heart Villa, forming lasting relationships and leaving a legacy of compassion, excellence, and faith-filled learning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Sacred Heart Villa on the occasion of its 85th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we further direct the Clerk of the Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 93
HONORING CHARLES EDWARD KIRKSEY, JR.**

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Kirksey, Jr. has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to justice, leadership, and community service, and has been appointed as the Assistant Grand Lodge Attorney of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, a distinguished role reflecting his dedication to the principles of equity and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirksey is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate historically African American Greek-lettered fraternity, through which he has exemplified the fraternity's aims of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirksey was elected President of the Historic Mound City Bar Association in 1978.

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirksey has served honorably as a Municipal Judge in the cities of Kinloch, Wellston, and Normandy, upholding the rule of law and ensuring fair and impartial justice for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, his contributions to the legal profession and civic life have left an indelible mark on the communities he has served, inspiring future generations of leaders and advocates for justice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Charles Edward Kirksey, Jr. on his outstanding achievements, his unwavering commitment to public service, and his enduring legacy within our community. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 95
HONORING SUZY BARBOSA IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEUR AND COMMUNITY LEADER**

WHEREAS, Suzy Barbosa is a Brazilian-American immigrant whose journey from the heart of the Amazon region shaped her into a passionate advocate for immigrant entrepreneurship and inclusive opportunity; and

WHEREAS, she champions accessible financial services in her role at First Mid Bank & Trust, empowering small business owners with the tools and guidance needed to launch, sustain, and grow their ventures; and

WHEREAS, Barbosa has served on boards such as the Hispanic Leaders Group of Greater St. Louis and the Webster University Alumni Association, where she elevates Latine voices and expands educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, her deep commitment to advocacy stretches across cultural and faith communities through her work with the Immigration Task Force of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Viva Brasil STL; and

WHEREAS, as a graduate of the FOCUS St. Louis Women in Leadership program and a member of the Latinas Rising Innovator Collective, she cultivates leadership and professional growth for women in the St. Louis region; and

WHEREAS, through her public speaking—including a powerful appearance at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Women’s Conference—and by contributing to two international best-selling anthologies, Barbosa shares a compelling narrative of resilience and identity rooted in her Brazilian heritage and family values; and

WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Webster University and is currently pursuing her MBA, continuing her commitment to personal and professional growth; and

WHEREAS, beyond her professional achievements, she finds joy in nature walks with her husband and son and draws inspiration from travel that deepens her curiosity and global perspective; and

WHEREAS, her ongoing efforts to uplift vulnerable communities through mentorship, volunteer service, and relationship-building cement her role as an invaluable leader in the City of St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and commend Suzy Barbosa for her extraordinary leadership, her unwavering dedication to community service, and her tireless efforts in championing immigrant entrepreneurship. We further direct the clerk of this Board to include a copy of this resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation at an appropriate time and place.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 96
HONORING THE HISPANIC LEADERS GROUP OF GREATER ST. LOUIS AND THE 2025
ESPERANZA AWARDS GALA

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Leaders Group of Greater St. Louis is a coalition of leaders, organizations and allies dedicated to empowering the Hispanic and Latine community by amplifying voices, mobilizing resources and driving change rooted in hope and orgullo; and

WHEREAS, founded in December 1983 by Anthony B. Ramirez and a small group of community leaders, the group was created to unite the diverse Hispanic community in the St. Louis region and present a cohesive voice to the wider society; and

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the group has led advocacy, civic engagement and leadership development in the region, and in 1993 it became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to strengthen its mission and expand its legacy of service; and

WHEREAS, its impact has extended from local to national levels, including advocating for Hispanic representation on the U.S. Supreme Court, co-founding Hispanic Capitol Day in Jefferson City and partnering with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to expand business opportunities for the Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, the group has created and sustained vital programs such as the Premio Esperanza, or Hope Award, founded in 2003 to recognize community leaders whose service embodies the spirit of esperanza and empowerment, and renamed in 2010 to honor visionary founder Anthony B. Ramirez; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Esperanza Awards Gala at The Franklin of Soulard continues that tradition by honoring the resilience and leadership of Latino changemakers in the St. Louis region. This year's theme, "La Esperanza nos Une – Hope Unites Us," reflects the power of shared purpose and community strength; and

WHEREAS, the gala takes place during Hispanic Heritage Month, which in 2025 carries the regional theme "Todos Somos UNO – We Are All One," developed in partnership by the Hispanic Leaders Group, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro St. Louis, Hispanic Festival Inc. and STL Juntos, underscoring unity, cultura and pride across the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and commend the Hispanic Leaders Group of Greater St. Louis for its more than four decades of leadership and advocacy, and to celebrate the 2025 Esperanza Awards Gala as a reflection of esperanza, unidad and the lasting contributions of Latino leaders to the people of St. Louis. We further direct the clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 97
RECOGNIZING POLO ASCENCIO FOR BEING A TRAILBLAZER IN BROADCASTING AND
COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

WHEREAS, Polo Ascencio is a distinguished broadcaster and community advocate who, for over two decades, has made significant contributions to professional baseball and the St. Louis community; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2016, he made history by becoming the first Spanish-language play-by-play announcer for the St. Louis Cardinals, marking a milestone in the team's history and connecting with a wider audience; and

WHEREAS, Ascencio's extensive career in broadcasting includes covering major sports events such as the World Baseball Classic, Copa América Centenario, and Liga MX, and

WHEREAS, he has become a passionate ambassador for the Cardinals, dedicating his efforts to the Latino communities in Missouri and Illinois and supporting charitable initiatives through Cardinals Care and player foundations like Fundación 4, Tsunami Waves, and the Pujols Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to community is further demonstrated by his creation of the "Los Pajaritos de Polo" ticket initiative, which has provided hundreds of Latino families with memorable game-day experiences, and his sponsorship of the youth baseball academy "Los Cardenales" in his hometown of Tijuana, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service, he was honored with the St. Louis BBWAA "Good Guy Award" in 2022 and was a finalist for the Missouri Broadcaster of the Year Award in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Polo Ascencio's career and community work embody the spirit of inclusion and reflect the enduring influence of Hispanic heritage in the United States, inspiring countless individuals through his dedication and professionalism.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and commend Polo Ascencio for his extraordinary contributions to

broadcasting, his role as a community leader, and his tireless efforts to build bridges between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Latino Community. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 98
HONORING BENJAMIN “BENGIE” MOLINA CHAMPION, BROADCASTER, AND LA VOZ FOR
LATINOS IN BASEBALL**

WHEREAS, Benjamin “Bengie” José Molina is a celebrated Puerto Rican catcher whose career was defined by skill, determination, and corazón — he is known for his sharp defensive instincts, steady bat, and unshakable presence behind the plate; and

WHEREAS, as a proud son of Río Piedras, Puerto Rico, Molina grew up across the street from a rugged neighborhood field, where he and his brothers, José and Yadier, learned the game under the loving hand of their father, Benjamin Molina Sr., who passed baseball down not as a pastime but as a way of life; and

WHEREAS, from those roots, the Molina brothers forged a legacy unmatched in Major League Baseball — the only trio of siblings in history to each earn a World Series ring, an achievement that carries the pride of Puerto Rico onto the world stage; and

WHEREAS, Bengie Molina — affectionately known as “Big Money” — built a career marked by milestones that reflect both talent and perseverance: a 2002 World Series championship with the Anaheim Angels, back-to-back Gold Gloves in 2002 and 2003 for leading American League catchers in caught-stealing percentage, and later, recognition as the Willie Mac Award winner in San Francisco in both 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, his offensive contributions were no less memorable, including a career-high 95 RBIs in 2008 and 20 home runs in 2009, proving that he was as steady with the bat as he was behind the plate; and

WHEREAS, after retiring as a player, Molina remained in the game he loved — serving as a coach for both the Texas Rangers and the St. Louis Cardinals, bringing his knowledge, leadership, and Puerto Rican pride into the dugout; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, Bengie Molina has carried that same pride into the broadcast booth, serving as the Cardinals’ Spanish-language color commentator, becoming *la voz* that connects Spanish-speaking fans in St. Louis and across Latin America to their team; and

WHEREAS, through his broadcasts, every Cardinals home game since 2019 has been alive with spirited, emotional, and culturally rich commentary — blending Spanglish and the passion of Latino baseball traditions — making the game vivid and personal for listeners near and far; and

WHEREAS, in lending his voice, Molina honors not only Puerto Rico but the broader Latino tradition in Cardinals history — a lineage stretching from Alfredo “El Pájaro” Cabrera and Mike González to Orlando Cepeda, Joaquín Andújar, Édgar Rentería, Albert Pujols, and his brother, Yadier — a reminder that Cardinals baseball has always carried Latino pride at its core; and

WHEREAS, Molina has also given back through youth clinics, mentorship, and his memoir *Molina: The Story of the Father Who Raised an Unlikely Baseball Dynasty* (2016), which honors his father’s lessons of love,

humility, and community — values he continues to share with young athletes and fans; and

WHEREAS, he is a beloved figure in the St. Louis Puerto Rican community, always showing up for his people and lending his presence to events, causes, and celebrations that uplift Latino pride in the city; and

WHEREAS, Bengie Molina’s journey as a player, coach, broadcaster, and community leader reflects both professional excellence and a lifelong devotion to heritage, family, and the sport that has been his family’s gift to the world.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis honors Benjamin “Bengie” Molina as a champion on the field, *la voz* of Latinos in the booth, and a beloved ambassador whose legacy of love, orgullo, and baseball continues to inspire across generations and borders. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 99

RECOGNIZING ESMERALDA AHARON VETERAN, SCHOLAR, AND CHAMPION FOR JUSTICE

WHEREAS, Esmeralda Aharon is a proud Latina, retired U.S. Air Force combat veteran, author and keynote speaker whose life reflects service, resilience and corazón; and

WHEREAS, born near the U.S.–Mexico border and raised as a migrant farmworker, she is a first-generation American who began working in Michigan’s fields at age 8, experiences that forged resilience, humility and an unshakable commitment to justice, equity and community; and

WHEREAS, Aharon served for 26 years in the U.S. Air Force as a religious affairs senior noncommissioned officer, including four deployments to the Middle East, where she served with thousands of service members in their most difficult hours, providing spiritual care, ethical counsel and crisis support to troops and families alike; and

WHEREAS, today she brings that same heart for service to her role as program director at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine, where she leads transformational initiatives advancing equity, belonging and social justice — ensuring faculty, staff and the community are seen, valued and heard; and

WHEREAS, she is the co-founder of Latinas Rising LLC, a St. Louis–based consulting firm dedicated to amplifying Latina voices, building leadership pipelines and fostering personal and professional development; and

WHEREAS, Aharon is pursuing a doctoral degree in higher education administration, with research focused on cultural silencing and the persistence strategies employed by Latinas in academic spaces — work that uplifts the voices of those too often overlooked; and

WHEREAS, her civic leadership includes board service with the Hispanic Leaders Group of Greater St. Louis, VetBiz and the Belleville VFW Post 1739, strengthening connections between veterans, Latinos and the wider community; and

WHEREAS, her impact has been recognized through honors including the Spirit of the Four Chaplains Award, the Hispanic Lifetime Achievement Award and the President’s Volunteer Service Award — each a testament to a life of service bridging faith, culture and country; and

WHEREAS, sustained by faith, family and community, Esmeralda Aharon embodies the enduring strength and orgullo of the Latino experience and serves as an inspiration to St. Louis and the nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the extraordinary achievements, visionary leadership and tireless activism of Esmeralda Aharon. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The following Resolutions were not filed in time to be on this meeting’s agenda and therefore were added by vote of the members.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 100
RECOGNIZING THE SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION DURING SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is the most common inherited blood disorder in the United States, disproportionately affecting African Americans and other communities of color, and causing serious health challenges including pain crises, organ damage, and reduced life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Sickle Cell Awareness Month, a time to increase public understanding, promote early detection, advance research, and support individuals and families impacted by the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Sickle Cell Association, headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, has served as a trusted advocate, educator, and resource for individuals living with sickle cell disease and their caregivers, providing culturally competent outreach, education, and support services; and

WHEREAS, the Sickle Cell Association has strengthened the St. Louis community through initiatives such as its annual Caregiver Retreat, hospital-partnered Listening Sessions to amplify patient voices, and collaboration with Washington University and BJC to establish a specialized Sickle Cell Treatment Center, improving access to quality care; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis recognizes that the compassion, dedication, and leadership of the Sickle Cell Association have made a lasting difference in the lives of many residents and have contributed to the health and well-being of the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, that we hereby recognize and commend the Sickle Cell Association for its outstanding service to the community, for its leadership in promoting awareness, education, and advocacy, and for its commitment to individuals and families living with sickle cell disease; and join with communities across the nation in observing September as *Sickle Cell Awareness Month*, and encourage all residents of the City of St. Louis to learn more about sickle cell disease and to support the work of the Sickle Cell Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

Cosponsor:

The Honorable Megan Green, President Board of Aldermen

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 102
HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF KRIZIA ROSARIO LOPEZ TO
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

WHEREAS, Krizia Rosario Lopez has faithfully served as a Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow in the Office of the Mayor of the City of St. Louis for the past two years, dedicating her expertise and passion to advancing innovation and strengthening government capacity; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Krizia played an instrumental role in modernizing the City’s hiring practices, transitioning from outdated paper-based systems into the Taleo digital hiring platform – creating a more efficient and equitable process for applicants and departments alike; and

WHEREAS, Krizia fostered a culture of data-driven governance by modeling the use of dashboards, metrics, and evidence-based decision-making, enabling city leadership to better serve residents through transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Krizia strengthened workforce development by leading partnerships with the U.S. Department of Labor, advancing the Good Jobs, Great Cities Initiative, supporting the LINE Initiative, and laying the foundation for new registered apprenticeships and educational collaborations; and

WHEREAS, Krizia provided critical leadership in times of crisis, including organizing response and recovery efforts in the immediate aftermath of the devastating May 16th tornado – demonstrating resilience, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our community; and

WHEREAS, beyond her technical contributions, Krizia leaves behind a legacy of collaboration, optimism, and a belief in the power of public service to deliver meaningful change for the people of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, though she now departs to begin a new role as Vice President of Government Innovation at Work for America, her impact on the City of St. Louis will endure through the systems she helped build, the partnerships she nurtured, and the inspiration she provided to her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis wishes to recognize and celebrate Krizia’s achievements – her dedication to this City, and her profound commitment to good government, from our municipal halls to the broader Republic entire.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor the tremendously positive impact Krizia Rosario Lopez has made on the operations of City government, and to celebrate the joy of working with her. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution so that it may be presented to those deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

The Courtesy Resolutions Calendar was adopted under the Special Order of the Day.

25. **Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

None

26. **Announcements**

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to Announcements.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

NONE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

NONE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

NONE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

NONE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

FULL BOARD MEETING – CHAMBERS – 10AM

Ms. Clark-Hubbard asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Mr. Gerrard Hollis' mother. Mr. Hollis was the former Financial Analyst for the Board.

President Green led the members in a moment of silence.

27. **Excused Aldermen**

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to excuse.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard announced that all the members were present.

28. **Adjournment**

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the adjournment motion.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting under rules until Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adjourn the meeting under rules until Friday, September 19, 2025 10am in the Chambers.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43pm.

**Minutes submitted by:
Terry Kennedy
Clerk of the Board**