



**Preliminary
Minutes
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting
Regular Meeting
October 3, 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 Associate Clerk to call the roll.

2. Roll Call

The Associate 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. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **15 members were present. A quorum was established.**

3. Opening Reflection or Prayer

President Green recognized Mr. Eddie Ross of Diamond Divas to lead the members in the opening prayer and reflection. Mr. Ross recognized Ms. Shantasha Love also of Diamond Divas to give the opening reflection/prayer.

Ms. Love 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.

Resolution Number 127

President Green recognized Ms. Sonnier on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 127, which honors Ms. Chelsea Merta. Ms. Merta is the Legislative Assistant to Ms. Sonnier and is leaving St. Louis.

Ms. Sonnier moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 127.

Seconded by Ms. Velázquez.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 127.

The Associate 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, 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 Associate Clerk to place Resolution Number 127 at the end of the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

President Green invited Ms. Sonnier to the dais.

At the dais Ms. Sonnier asked that Resolution Number 127 be read.

The Associate Clerk read Resolution Number 127 in its entirety.

Ms. Merta joined Ms. Sonnier at the dais.

Ms. Sonnier discussed Resolution Number 127. Other members speaking included Ms. Keys, Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Velázquez, and President Green.

Ms. Narayan moved to place Resolution Number 127 En Banc.

Seconded by Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to place Resolution Number 127 En Banc.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Merta spoke and thanked the members for the Resolution.

President Green paused the meeting so that members could take a photo with Ms. Merta.

President Green resumed the meeting after the photo.

Adoption of the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar

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

Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard, President Green and Ms. Sonnier asked to be placed on Resolution Number 124 as cosponsors.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

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

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Introduction of Honored Guests

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

Mr. Oldenburg recognized as his honored guests for the day Derrick, Kalia, Timothy, and Owen from the Vocational Skills Program of the St. Louis County Special School District. They also work in Downtown St. Louis at the Embassy Suites. They were with their teachers Chuck and Shaunte.

Ms. Keys recognized as her honored guests for the day the staff of the Powell Symphony Hall, who recently reopened the hall after extensive renovations.

Mr. Aldridge welcomed as his honored guests for the day members of the Black Contractors Association and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce who were seated in the gallery. He also welcomed the staff of the Diamond Divas.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard also welcomed, as her honored guests for the day, the staff of the Diamond Divas.

President Green welcomed as her honored guests for the day members of the Eco Socialist, who were seated in the gallery.

6. Approval of Minutes

President Green recognized Ms. Clark- Hubbard on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Friday, September 26, 2025 full Board meeting.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, September 26, 2025 full Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, September 26, 2025 full Board meeting.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Report of City Officials

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

The Associate 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 39

Committee Substitute

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.; and pledging cooperation of the Board of Aldermen.

Date Delivered: Friday, September 26, 2025

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.

Date Delivered: Friday, September 26, 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:

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Effective Date: October 29, 2025

Ordinance Number: 72035

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.

Effective Date: September 29, 2025

Ordinance Number: 72036

b.) Office of the Mayor

2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District

September 29, 2025

Honorable Board of
Aldermen 1200
Market St. Room
230 Saint Louis, MO
63103

Dear Members of the Board,

I have the pleasure to submit the following individual for appointment to the **2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District**.

The appointment of **Arnez Newton**, serving as a legally authorized representative of Confluence Academies, an owner of real property in the district, whose term will expire on **November 4, 2029**.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments.

Sincerely,

Cara Spencer, Mayor
City of St. Louis

President Green recognized Ms. Keys on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District**.

Ms. Keys moved to approve the Mayor's appointment to the 2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District.

Seconded by Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District**.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Art Museum Subdistrict

September 29, 2025

Honorable Board of
Aldermen 1200
Market St. Room
230 Saint Louis, MO
63103

Dear Members of the Board,

I have the pleasure to submit the following individuals for appointment to the **Art Museum Subdistrict**.

The appointment of **Dr. Donald Suggs**, serving as a non-voting advisory member, who resides in the 9th Ward, and whose term will expire on **December 31, 2029**.

The reappointment of **Emily Rauh Pulitzer**, serving as a non-voting advisory member, who resides in the 9th Ward, and whose term will expire on **December 31, 2028**.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments.

Sincerely,

Cara Spencer, Mayor
City of St. Louis

President Green recognized Mr. Browning on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Art Museum Subdistrict**.

Mr. Browning moved to approve the Mayor's appointments to the **Art Museum Subdistrict**.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve Mayor's appointments to the **Art Museum Subdistrict**.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- c.) **Office of the President**
None

- 8. **Petitions and Communications**
None

9. Board Bills for Perfection, Informal Calendar

Board 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 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.

There were no requests.

10. Board Bills for Third Reading, Informal Calendar

None

11. Resolutions, Informal Calendar

None

12. First Reading of Board Bills

Motion to Suspend the Rules

President Green recognized Ms. Schweitzer on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill Number 78.

Ms. Schweitzer moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce Resolution Number 78.

Seconded by Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce Board Bill Number 78.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Vollmer, 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 Associate Clerk to place Board Bill Number 78 at the then end of the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

First Reading of Board Bills

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

The Associate Clerk read the following:

Board Bill Number 76

Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus

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 the 4700 blocks of Farlin, Margareta, Kossuth, San Francisco, and Sacramento in the Penrose Neighborhood; the 3900-4200 blocks of Evans and the 800-1400 blocks of Pendleton in the Vandeventer/Lewis Place Neighborhoods.

Board Bill Number 77

Introduced by Alderwoman Sharon Tyus

An ordinance pertaining to the regulation of traffic speed along Kingshighway Memorial Boulevard between Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and Bircher Boulevard, located south of Interstate 70, containing an emergency clause.

The following Board Bill was filed after the deadline date to be officially on this meeting's agenda and therefore was added by the vote of the members.

Board Bill Number 78

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer

Cosponsor: Alderman Michael Browning

An ordinance updating the Forestry Division's regulations relating to weeds, native plants, and other vegetation in the City of St. Louis; containing definitions, reporting, abatement, enforcement, and severability provisions.

13. Reference to Committee of Board Bills

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

The Associate Clerk read the following:

Budget and Public Employees

None

Health and Human Development

Board Bill Number 78.

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee

None

Legislation and Rules

None

Personnel and Administration

None

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee

Board Bill Numbers 76 and 77.

Public Safety Committee

None

Transportation and Commerce Committee

None

Special Committee on Reducing Red Tap

None

14. Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees

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

The Associate Clerk read the following:

Legislation and Rules Committee Report

Ms. Velázquez of the Legislation and Rules Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Legislation and Rules Committee, to which the following Board Bills were referred, reports that it reviewed these Board Bills on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 and have discharged them with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:

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.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez
Committee Chair

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee Report

Mr. Browning of the Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

Board of Aldermen Committee Report October 3, 2025

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee, to which the following Board Bills were referred, reports that it reviewed these Board Bills on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 and have discharged them with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:

Board Bill Number 71

Introduced by Alderman Thomas Oldenburg

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 2nd ward.

Board Bill Number 72**Introduced by Alderman Thomas Oldenburg****Cosponsors: Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderman Matt Devoti, and Alderman Michael Browning**

An Ordinance authorizing the honorary street name Brian McKenna Way pursuant to **Ordinance Number 68937**, which shall begin at the intersection of Childress and Nottingham Street and run East on Nottingham Street to the intersection of Tamm Ave and Nottingham Street.

Board Bill Number 73**Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

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 13th Street from Cole Street to Dr Martin Luther King Drive, the 12 foot wide north-south alley in City Block 270 as bounded by Carr Street, Tucker Boulevard, Cole Street and 13th Street (vacated) and the 20 foot wide east-west alley in City Block 547 as bounded by Cole Street, 13th Street, Dr Martin Luther King drive and 14th 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.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

Alderman Michael Browning
Committee Chair

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Narayan of the Public Safety Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

Board of Aldermen Committee Report October 3, 2025

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Public Safety Committee, to which the following Board Bill was referred, reports that it reviewed this Board Bill on Thursday, October 2, 2025 and have discharged it with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:**Board Bill Number 74****Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan**

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the City Emergency Management Agency to accept Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding in an amount of \$697,678.87 from the State of Missouri Emergency Management Agency (SEMA); appropriating said funds and a required City match for such funds; authorizing the expenditure of such funds, to the extent received, and authorizing contracts and other documents to expend such funds, to the extent received; and containing an emergency clause.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

**Alderman Bret Narayan
Committee Chair**

President Green asked to be placed on Board Bill Number 64 and 65 as a cosponsor.

The Associate Clerk Acknowledged.

15. Report of Special Committees

None

16. Board Bills for Perfection – Consent Calendar

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Board Bills for Perfection Consent Calendar.

The Associate 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 52

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

An ordinance repealing **Ordinance Number 71664**, concerning the issuance of liquor licenses and enactment a new ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for any currently non-licensed premises within the boundaries of the Thirteenth Ward Liquor Control Corridor, except for those areas specifically described in Section Three which shall be excluded from and shall not be part of the Thirteenth Ward Liquor Control Corridor and shall not be subject to the moratorium provisions of this ordinance, for a period of five years from the effective date hereof; containing exceptions and allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain circumstances, and the issuance of a drink license to persons operating a restaurant at a previously non-licensed premises; and containing an emergency clause and severability clause.

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

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to adopt the Perfection Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17. Board Bills for Perfection Calendar

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Perfection Calendar.

The Associate Clerk read the following.

Board Bill Number 69

Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, and Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An ordinance to amend **Ordinance Number 70800** to establish the rules of conduct pertaining to inspections and inspector qualifications regarding heating boilers, pressure vessels and steam generators in accordance with the National Board Inspection Code.

President Green recognized Mr. Narayan on the motion to perfect Board Bill Number 69.

Mr. Narayan moved to perfect Board Bill Number 69.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Mr. Narayan discussed his motion. Other members speaking included Ms. Sonnier and Ms. Velázquez.

Ms. Sonnier and Ms. Velázquez asked to be added to Board Bill Number 69 as cosponsors.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to perfect Board Bill Number 69.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board Bill Number 70

As Amended in Committee

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.

President Green recognized Aldridge on the motion to perfect Board Bill Number 70 As Amended in the Committee.

Mr. Aldridge moved to perfect Board Bill Number 70 As Amended in Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt Board Bill Number 70 Floor Substitute.

Seconded by Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt Board Bill Number 70 Floor Substitute.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Aldridge moved to perfect Board Bill Number 70 Floor Substitute.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to perfect Board Bill Number 70 Floor Substitute.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18. Report of Engrossment

None

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

None

20. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills

None

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

None

22. First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees.

The Associate Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 126
URGING CONTRACTORS TO COMPLY WITH M/WBE AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 91**

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the City of St. Louis' Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) program has created opportunities in response to deep disparities occurring in public contracting and construction; and

WHEREAS; in 2024, the City of St. Louis commissioned both a contract disparity study and a workforce disparity study. The studies examine whether there are any barriers to minority- and woman-owned businesses seeking work with the city or with city prime contractors and whether there is a level playing field for people of color and women working in the St. Louis metro area construction industry; and

WHEREAS, beginning in early 2025, several federal agencies issued executive orders and guidance that sought to intimidate and discourage local governments from pursuing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives—including M/WBE programs—by questioning their legality, despite such programs being rooted in well-documented, historic disparities in access to contracting opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2025, the City of St. Louis announced a pause in the administration of the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) program; and

WHEREAS, following this pause, minority and women contractors have reported being dropped from current, pending, or near-future projects by general contractors, undermining the City's longstanding commitment to fair and inclusive economic participation and potentially breaching their contract agreements with the City; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2025, Mayor Cara Spencer issued Executive Order 91, which directs City departments, agencies, and contracting entities to honor goals and compliance standards occurring during the MWBE program's administrative pause; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 91 moves the City toward project-specific goals grounded in the 2024 disparity study and directs SLDC and city departments to issue rules for calculating those goals and to assist the Board of Aldermen with legislation to update city code consistent with the study; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Executive Order 91 is to ensure that the pause in administration does not result in a reduction of opportunities for certified minority and women-owned contractors; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to not only unpausing the MWBE program, but also addressing the various longer-term issues with MWBE certification and compliance; and

WHEREAS, equitable participation in public contracting is vital to ensuring diverse economic growth, strengthening the regional economy, and addressing systemic disparities in wealth and opportunity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that this body calls upon all general contractors, subcontractors, developers, and private-sector partners engaged in City projects or projects receiving City incentives to: honor existing MWBE participation commitments made prior to or during the pause in program administration; comply with Executive Order 91 by maintaining and reporting participation consistent with established goals; Refrain from removing or excluding minority- and women-owned contractors from ongoing or upcoming projects solely due to the pause in program administration; and affirm their commitment to advancing equity, inclusion, and opportunity in the City of St. Louis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to urge general contractors, subcontractors, developers, and private-sector partners engaged in City projects or projects receiving City incentives to continue to honor MWBE participation goals, comply with contractual obligations, and comply with Executive Order 91. 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 3th day of October, 2025 by:

The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

Cosponsors:

The Honorable Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable Alsiha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7th Ward

The Honorable Jami Cox Antwi, Alderwoman 8th Ward

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward

The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward

President Green recognized Mr. Aldridge on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 126.

Mr. Aldridge asked for unanimous consent.

Hearing no objections President Green directed Mr. Aldridge to continue.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt Resolution Number 126.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Aldridge discussed his motion and Resolution Number 126. Other members speaking included Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, and Ms. Velázquez.

Mr. Browning asked to be added to Resolution Number 126 as a cosponsor.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

Ms. Velázquez moved to place Resolution Number 126 En Banc.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to place Resolution Number 126 En Banc.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green Called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 126.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

23. Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions

The Associate Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 111
AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 92 DIRECTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
CLEAR REGULATIONS ON DATA CENTERS**

WHEREAS, data centers are specialized facilities that house the computing and networking systems needed to run applications and to store, process, and manage large amounts of data; and

WHEREAS, the demand to develop new data centers has been rapidly increasing amidst the Artificial Intelligence (AI) boom and has become increasingly more common nationwide and in the St. Louis region, and concerns have arisen around their environmental, economic, and community impacts; and

WHEREAS, large-scale data centers can require tremendous amounts of water and energy to sustain, straining local utilities and potentially impacting residents' utility bills; creating noise and heat pollution, and other nuisances that negatively affect surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, regulations of data centers should include acceptable zoning districts, restrictions on distance from residential or other sensitive uses such as schools or transit stations, compatibility with surrounding uses, noise limitations, screening of cooling equipment, disclosure on anticipated energy and water use, plans for job creation, and community outreach requirements; and

WHEREAS, on September 10th, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to enact a moratorium on new data centers in the City of St. Louis, but subsequent discussions with a

variety of stakeholders have illuminated the path of using the current Conditional Use process to both allow permit applications to continue while providing more adequate screening of data centers until zoning regulations can be established; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 92 has clearly outlined the information to be collected during the Conditional Use process, to further inform the establishment of data center regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that the City establish a thoughtful and comprehensive framework regulating data centers in partnership with the Planning and Urban Design Agency, Zoning Section of the Building Division, other Building Division offices, Water Division, and Board of Public Service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to affirm our support for Executive Order 92, and join Mayor Spencer in directing the creation of a thoughtful and comprehensive framework regulating data centers in the City of St. Louis, including at a minimum, the following:

- a. Acceptable zoning districts;
- b. Minimum separation requirements from residential areas, sensitive uses such as schools, parks, greenways, and transit stations;
- c. Building scale, height, orientation of primary faces, and compatibility with surrounding uses;
- d. Noise limitations and specific plans for noise mitigation;
- e. Screening and location of external cooling equipment, generators, substations, and loading docks;
- f. Disclosure of anticipated energy use, water use, infrastructure capacity, job creation, and energy sources;
- g. Disclosure of petitioner, owner, and parties associated with data centers;
- h. Levels of renewable energy use and the effects of data centers on electricity ratepayers;
- i. Building Energy Performance Standards;
- j. Public outreach and community engagement requirements before, during, and after development; and
- k. Other conditions, including but are not limited to those listed in Section 5C of Executive Order 92, as outlined below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen our support for the expansion and clarification of the Conditional Use process to apply appropriate scrutiny to applications for new and expanded data center uses as the City of St. Louis promulgates thoughtful and comprehensive zoning regulations, to include at a minimum, the following as outlined in Section 5C of Executive Order 92, which would apply to data centers being considered in any zoning district which they could be conditionally permitted:

- a. Site and Context Information.
 - i. Distance from residential zoned properties, both existing and in development.
 - ii. Distance from all nearby schools, parks, greenways, and transit stations.
 - iii. Distance from other existing facilities.
 - iv. Whether and how the proposed facility building's facade, height, massing, and orientation will be designed to be compatible with the context of adjacent properties and the surrounding area.
 - v. Whether and how any large mechanical equipment located on the proposed facility's property or roof will be screened from public view, and how noise will be mitigated.
 - vi. The risk of natural disasters such as flooding, seismic events, or tornadoes at the proposed location, and what mitigation measures are included in the proposed facility design for those disasters.
 - vii. Square footage of the proposed facility.
- b. Infrastructure and Utility Impact Information.

- i. How much power will be required to operate the proposed facility.
- ii. The proposed facility's proposed sources of energy, and whether the facility plans provide its own energy through any renewable sources.
- iii. How the existing local utility grid will be able support the demand for power the proposed facility will create.
- iv. Whether the proposed facility has a Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) rating.
- v. Whether new substations or transmission lines will be needed to support the proposed facility, and where needed infrastructure would be located.
- vi. The proposed facility's plans for backup power systems in place (e.g. generators), and plans for regular testing to ensure reliability.
- vii. How the proposed facility's HVAC systems will be configured.
- viii. The proposed facility's plans for cooling aisle containment.
- ix. How the proposed facility's adequate ventilation will be ensured.
- x. Network providers anticipated to be associated with the proposed facility.
- xi. The proposed facility's security and redundancy plans for fiber connectivity.
- xii. How much water the proposed facility is anticipated to use daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly.
- c. Community and Economic Impact Information.
 - i. How many temporary construction jobs and permanent operational jobs the proposed facility expects to create.
 - ii. How many of the jobs the proposed facility expects to create will be filled by local workers.
 - iii. How much tax revenue the community is anticipated to receive from and as a result of the proposed facility.
 - iv. In the event that tax benefits have been offered to the proposed facility, the net benefit of such tax incentives to the community.
 - v. Any community benefits offered by the proposed facility or its operators.
 - vi. Whether the proposed facility is anticipated to bring any expansion of broadband and utility services to the surrounding community.
 - vii. Public outreach and community engagement that has occurred for the proposed facility so far, and any plans for public outreach and community engagement during and after proposed facility development.
- d. Safety and Security Information.
 - i. Measures that will be in place to protect the proposed facility from physical intrusion, such as fencing, surveillance, and access controls.
 - ii. Fire detection and suppression systems that will be installed at the proposed facility.
 - iii. Measures that will be used to protect the proposed facility's network from cyberattacks.
 - iv. The proposed facility's planned protocols for cybersecurity vulnerability assessments and incident response.
 - v. The proposed facility's plan for staff training on the above items and plans for mitigation of staff exposure to heat, electrical hazards, and chemical exposure within the proposed facility.
- e. Anticipated Consumer Impact Information.
 - i. Anticipated effects of the proposed facility upon water and energy bills of City ratepayers.
- f. General Information.
 - i. Whether any proposed facility or project details are subject to non-disclosure agreements such that they could not be fully disclosed as part of a permit process and, if so, the general nature of details that are unable to be disclosed for this reason.
 - ii. The petitioner, beneficial owner, and companies associated with the proposed facility.

- iii. The purpose(s) for which the proposed facility is intended to be used, such as data storage, backup, and recovery; cloud computing; artificial intelligence; cryptocurrency mining; e-commerce; business applications; or other purposes.
- g. Environmental Impact Information.
 - i. Water Quality Information.
 - 1. How the proposed facility will mitigate any pollution or other negative impact to water quality and availability for nearby residents.
 - ii. Air Quality Information.
 - 1. Whether any backup generators for the proposed facility are operated using diesel or natural gas.
 - 2. The proposed facility's plans to limit emission of pollutants from backup generators during testing and power outages.
 - 3. The proposed facility's plans to mitigate particulate matter and emissions from any backup generators.
 - iii. Waste Management Information.
 - 1. The proposed facility's plan for handling and disposing of electronic waste associated with the proposed facility, such as old servers and hardware.
 - iv. Noise Information.
 - 1. The expected noise level to be generated by the proposed facility's cooling systems and generators.
 - 2. The proposed facility's planned sound attenuation and noise mitigation measures to limit the emission of noise and prevent disturbances to nearby residents.
 - v. Lighting Information.
 - 1. Whether the proposed facility will be illuminated all night, such as for security reasons.

**Introduced this 19th day of September, 2025 by:
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1st Ward**

President Green recognized Ms. Schweitzer on Resolution Number 111.

Ms. Schweitzer moved to adopt Resolution Number 111.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Schweitzer discussed their motion. Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Devoti, and Mr. Aldridge also spoke.

Mr. Browning, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, and Ms. Cox-Antwi asked to be added as cosponsors.

The Associate Clerk acknowledged.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to adopt the Resolution Number 111.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Cohn, Mr. DeVoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox-Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 10 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
Mr. Oldenburg and Mr. Narayan. **2 No votes were cast.**

The following voted Present:
None

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, and Ms. Boyd. **3 members were present at the meeting but were not in the Chamber at the time of the roll call and therefore did not cast a vote.**

A total of 12 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Report of the Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee

Board of Adjustment

Mayoral appointments to the Board of Adjustment of Denean Vaughn and James Dallas.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment appointments to the Board of Adjustment of Denean Vaughn and James Dallas.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Adjustment of Denean Vaughn and James Dallas.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Adjustment of Denean Vaughn and James Dallas.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Report of the Personnel and Administration Committee.

President Green recognized Mr. Narayan for the closed meeting motion.

Mr. Narayan moved to close the report of Personnel and Administration Committee to the public under the provisions of Section 610.021 (3) and Section 610.022 in order to permit the members of the Board to discuss matters related to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of employees of the Board of Aldermen.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to close the report of Personnel and Administration Committee to the public under the provisions of Section 610.021 (3) and Section 610.022 in order to permit the members of the Board to discuss matters related to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of employees of the Board of Aldermen.

The Associate 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. Spencer, Ms. Spencer, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 12 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:

Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, and Ms. Boyd. **3 members were present at the meeting but were not in the Chamber at the time of the roll call and therefore did not cast a vote.**

A total of 12 votes were cast. The motion carried.

The meeting went into closed session at 12:10pm.

A closed session was held.

Mr. Aldridge moved to end the closed session and resume the meeting in regular session.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to end the closed session.

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. DeVoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Spencer, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 12 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:

Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, and Ms. Boyd. **3 members were present at the meeting but were not in the Chamber at the time of the roll call and therefore did not cast a vote.**

A total of 12 votes were cast. The motion carried.

The closed session ended at 12:19pm.

President Green resumed the regular session.

24. Courtesy Resolutions

President Green directed the Associate Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Associate Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 122
HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF RENATA BROOKINS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen is proud to recognize the retirement of Renata Brookins as an outstanding individual whose dedication, service, and leadership have made a meaningful impact to the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Renata Brookins was born on October 17, 1952 at 6:00 AM to the proud parents of Doasure and Walterine Brown. She is a native of St. Louis and a graduate of McKinley High School and O'Fallon Technical School. Renata was ordained by God to use her hands to create, serve and praise Him for all he has done in her life; and

WHEREAS, Renata or Nata, as she is affectionally called has exemplified an unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity, and compassion in all her endeavors, whether being the previous owner of Renata's Hair Salon serving over 20 years or the dedicated hospitality staff assistant at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner Global Law Firm serving 12 years, her personal contributions to the betterment of others welcomes recognition; and

WHEREAS, Renata Brookins is and always has been focused, driven, and ready for every challenge. She is a role model, mentor, and a beacon of hope to countless individuals, consistently demonstrating the values of respect, perseverance, and service; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of three amazing children LaMesha Byrd, Dru Ali and Renata Jefferson her goddaughter and name sake. Renata comes from a loving tribe of brothers and sisters; Queen, Doretha, Carl, Harold, Vincent (Jeanette), Eleanor (Dennis), Marquita, and Vaughn and with a whole bunch of nieces, nephews, cousins, clients, saints and friends; and

WHEREAS, we want to salute you today while, you see every face, hug every shoulder, hit every arm, kiss every cheek, collect and shake every gift, and most of all, embrace this moment in time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we extend our congratulation to Renata Brookins on your retirement. May you enjoy the next chapter in your life. We direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to be presented to Renata Brookins at the time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 3rd day of October, 2025 by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 123
HONORING BRIAN PITTMAN

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis recognizes and celebrates individuals whose courage, compassion, and dedication uplift our neighborhoods and inspire our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brian Pittman, diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type One, has defied medical expectations through his unwavering strength and faith, becoming a beacon of hope for many. Despite relying on a ventilator, G-tube, and cough assist, Brian communicates with grace and resilience, inspiring all who meet him; and

WHEREAS Brian's journey, including his recognition as a Make-A-Wish child and his joyful trip to Disney at age four, has brought light and encouragement to his family and community. Now 14 years old, he continues to exemplify perseverance and the power of the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, Brian serves as a spokesperson for *Looking for an Angel*, advocating for their CTF Medical Alert initiative, and champions critical causes including support for children battling cancer and survivors of domestic violence. His voice—expressed through his eyes and gestures—amplifies hope and awareness across our city; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Robertson, Brian's mother, has demonstrated extraordinary advocacy and love, refusing to accept institutional care for her son and instead becoming a licensed nurse to provide him with the highest quality of life. Her work extends beyond her family, as she trains other nurses, mentors mothers in need, and supports survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, following the devastating tornado that struck St. Louis on May 16, 2025, Danielle selflessly served the community by checking on the elderly, sick, and shut-in, delivering essential supplies and comfort to those most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, together, Brian Pittman and Danielle Robertson embody the values of resilience, advocacy, and compassion. Their tireless efforts to support cancer patients, promote emergency alert systems, and uplift others in times of hardship have left an indelible mark on the City of 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 honor Brian Pittman and Danielle Robertson for their outstanding commitment to our community, and we extend our deepest gratitude for their service, spirit. 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 that may be presented at the time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 3rd day of October, 2025 by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

Cosponsors:

The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11th Ward

The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward

The Honorable Alsiha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 124
RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRACY DISCHERT VERNER TO
EQUITY, FINANCIAL INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT IN ST. LOUIS

WHEREAS, Tracy Dischert Verner has dedicated nearly fifteen years to dismantling systemic barriers within the banking industry, with the goal of ensuring equity, financial inclusion, and generational wealth-building opportunities for St. Louisans; and

WHEREAS, through her tireless work, she has expanded access to essential financial services for thousands, empowering young workers with direct deposit capabilities that allow them to fully participate in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, she has opened the door to higher education for countless students by establishing college savings accounts for thousands of children in St. Louis Public Schools, creating tangible pathways toward future success; and

WHEREAS, by partnering with workforce development agencies, recidivism programs, crisis intervention services, and emergency shelters, she has ensured safe, fair, and comprehensive banking access for unhoused individuals, women in crisis, and those reentering the workforce after involvement with the justice system; and

WHEREAS, as a community member and activist, Tracy has consistently centered equity and justice in her public life, from demonstrating and fundraising to petitioning and advocating for systemic change on behalf of marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, her unwavering commitment has left a profound and lasting impact on the City of St. Louis, reflecting her love for the city where she was born, raised, and continues to serve; and

WHEREAS, as she celebrates her fiftieth year of life and nearly fifteen years of transformative service in the banking industry, her legacy stands as a reminder that lasting change is possible when equity and empowerment are placed at the heart of community progress.

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 honor the work and legacy of **Tracy Dischert Verner** for her extraordinary contributions to the financial wellbeing of so many people in 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 3rd day of October, 2025 by:
The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman of the 14th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 125
HONORING MARTHA WASH

WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 4, 2025, the National Blues Museum will proudly present two-time Grammy nominee Martha Wash with The Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Martha Wash's story is one of brilliance, resilience, and justice. Her distinctive and powerful soprano voice is immortalized in global anthems like It's Raining Men, Gonna Make You Sweat, and

Everybody Everybody-has shaped pop, R&B, and dance music for more than four decades and still as she continues to tour and release music, including her work with the First Ladies of Disco; and

WHEREAS, Martha’s advocacy for artist credit and recognition cemented her as not only a musical icon but also a symbol of fairness and courage; and

WHEREAS, this National Blues Museum occasion will unite community leaders, nonprofits, artists, and audiences to celebrate Martha Wash’s legacy and connect her artistry with the ongoing pursuit of civil rights, human rights, and cultural resilience; and

WHEREAS, together we honor Martha Wash’s extraordinary legacy while amplifying the voices and stories of our own communities to celebrate a music icon and strengthen our shared mission to uplift culture, resilience, and justice through the power of music; and

WHEREAS, we stand with the National Blues Museum at this historic crossroads and congratulate the incomparable Martha Wash on her well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award.

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, empowerment, leadership, and activism of “The Queen of ClubLand” Martha Wash. 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 on the 3rd day of October, 2025 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

The following Resolution was filed after the deadline to be officially on this agenda and therefore was added to the agenda by vote of the members.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 127
HONORING CHELSEA MERTA

WHEREAS, Chelsea Merta - affectionately known as “Merta Inc.” began serving as the legislative assistant of the Seventh Ward in August of 2023, and has brought invaluable public service to the Seventh Ward and the city of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Merta was born and raised in Edwardsville, Indiana, and pursued an undergraduate degree in Political Science as well as a Certificate of Biological Sciences from Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea came to St. Louis to pursue a Juris Doctorate at Saint Louis University in 2011 and during her law studies she co-founded Law Students for a Reproductive Justice chapter and served as the President of the Phi Delta Law Fraternity for two years; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea graduated with her law degree from Saint Louis University in 2014, the same year as the murder of Michael Brown, galvanizing her desire to use her law credentials to move the mantle of social justice forward; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea’s first job after law school was at Arch City Defenders while she also spent time practicing personal injury and immigration law before starting her own practice; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea has served as a legal advisor for Abortion Action Missouri where she helped support a number of legislative and political reproductive justice priorities, and served on the board of Missourians for Alternatives to Death Penalty; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea was part of the original class of Legislative Assistants for the Board of Alderman and has provided a wealth of knowledge and support to the team of Legislative Assistants; and

WHEREAS, in her official role with the City of St. Louis, Chelsea has supported and helped pass historic legislation such as the Tax Accountability in Development Act, regulations around for-profit drone surveillance, housing development, and a vast number of other initiatives that focused on improving the city for all and not some of its residents; and

WHEREAS, in her official role she has attended over 50 neighborhood meetings, helped to execute eight town halls, put in over 350 citizen service bureau requests; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea is a proud home owner in the Benton Park West neighborhood, a long-time active member of the Benton Park West neighborhood association, a founding member of the neighborhood group foresters, and completed UMSL's Neighborhood Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea holds a masters of gardening certificate, is known for all things plants from gifting to harvesting to pickling, and whose favorite coping mechanism is pulling the weeds from her garden; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea is the proud fur mom to Kenny and the late Kilroy and Carol and wife to Robert Vossmeier; and

WHEREAS, Alderwoman Sonnier and many residents across the Seventh Ward are forever grateful for Chelsea's unwavering commitment, principles, and dedication to community; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea's departure is a loss for the City of St. Louis, but her work and impact will live on forever.

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 Chelsea Merta for her contributions to our board and 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 such that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 3rd day of October, 2025 by:
The Honorable Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7th 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 Associate Clerk to Announcements.

The Associate Clerk read the following:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

NONE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 2025

HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING COMMITTEE – 11AM – KENNEDY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

NONE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE-11AM – KENNEDY ROOM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

FULL BOARD MEETING – CHAMBERS – 10AM

Mr. Narayan announced a Public Safety Committee meeting for Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 2pm in the Kennedy Room to hear Board Bill Number 62.

27. Excused Aldermen

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

Ms. Clark-Hubbard announced that all 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, October 10, 2025 at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded Ms. Sonnier.

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

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm.

Minutes Submitted by:

Terry Kennedy

Clerk, Board of Aldermen