



**Preliminary
Minutes
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting
Regular Meeting
Friday, October 17, 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. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **12 members were present. A quorum was established.**

The following members joined the meeting while in progress making a total of 14 members present: Mr. Oldenburg and Ms. Keys.

3. Opening Reflection or Prayer

President Green recognized Damra Sharma and his guests to lead the members in the opening prayer and reflection.

Mr. Sharma and his guests led the members in an opening reflection/prayer.

President Green paused the meeting so the members may take a photo with Mr. Sharma and his guests.

President Green resumed the meeting after the photo.

4. Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day

None

5. Introduction of Honored Guests

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

Ms. Clark-Hubbard asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Ms. Ann Voss.

President Green led the members in a moment of silence for Ms. Voss.

Mr. Aldridge welcomed as his honored guests for the day Mr. John Burglen and the staff of the St. Louis Street Department for the fine job they are doing in the City.

6. Approval of Minutes

President Green recognized Ms. Clark- Hubbard on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Friday, October 10, 2025 full Board meeting.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, October 10, 2025 full Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, October 10, 2025 full Board meeting.

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 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.

Date Delivered: Friday, October 10, 2025

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.

Date Delivered: Friday, October 10, 2025

Board Bill Number 69

Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan

Cosponsors: President Megan Green, Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, and Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez

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.

Date Delivered: Friday, October 10, 2025

Board Bill Number 70

Floor Substitute

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.

Date Delivered: Friday, October 10, 2025

b.) Office of the Mayor

Senior Citizen's Service Fund Board

October 13, 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 reappointment to the **Senior Citizens' Service Fund Board**.

The reappointment of **William Siedhoff**, who resides in the 8th Ward, and whose term will expire on **April 17, 2029**.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointment to the **Senior Citizens Service Fund Board**.

Sincerely,

Cara Spencer
Mayor

President Green recognized Mr. Browning on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Senior Citizens Service Fund Board**.

Mr. Browning moved to approve the Mayor's appointment to the Senior Citizen's Service Fund Board.

Seconded by Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

President asked if there is any discussion but missed seeing the hand of Ms. Boyd and therefore called for the vote.

Ms. Boyd interrupted Ms. Green and said her hand was up.

President Green recognized Ms. Boyd to speak.

Ms. Boyd spoke on the motion and asked that the appointments be sent to committee.

Mr. Browning agreed, and President Green allowed him to make a new motion.

Mr. Browning stated that having voted on the prevailing side he would move to reconsider the appointment.

Seconded by Mr. Narayan.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to reconsider the appointment.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Browning moved to send the Mayor's appointment to the Senior Citizen's Service Fund Board to the Health and Human Development Committee.

Second by Mr. Narayan.

President Green called for the vote to send the Mayor's Appointment to the

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Central Westend Community Improvement District

October 13, 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 **Central West End Community Improvement District**

The reappointment of **James Dwyer**, serving as an Owner of Real Property within the District, whose term expires **July 1, 2028**.

The reappointment of **Kyle Bozoian**, serving as an Owner of Real Property within the District, whose term expires **July 1, 2028**.

The reappointment of **Jack Straub III**, serving as a Business Owner within the District, whose term expires **July 1, 2028**.

The appointment of **Amy Ruffner**, serving as a hotel representative south of Pershing Avenue, with a term ending **July 1, 2027**.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments.

Sincerely,

Cara Spencer
Mayor

President Green recognized Mr. Browning on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Central Westend Community Improvement District**.

Mr. Browning moved to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Central Westend Community Improvement District**.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the Mayor's appointment to the **Central Westend Community Improvement District**.

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 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

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

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

Board Bill Number 83

Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning

An Ordinance establishing a sales tax reimbursement account in support of the project located at 3942 Laclede Avenue, approving a Development and Performance Agreement related to such project and authorizing execution thereof.

Board Bill Number 84

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

A board bill recommended by the Board of Estimate & Apportionment, authorizing the Mayor to submit the 2026 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Comptroller to enter into and execute agreements with HUD for the receipt of 2026 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”), 2026 HOME Investment Partnership (“HOME”), 2026 Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”), and 2026 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (“HOPWA”) funds; appropriating CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA grant funds; authorizing the Directors of the Community Development Administration (“CDA”), Department of Human Services (“DHS”), and Department of Health (“DOH”) to make, negotiate and execute contracts as may be necessary to expend funds; and containing severability and emergency clauses.

Board Bill Number 85

Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

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 throughout the Seventh Ward.

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 83 and 84.

Legislation and Rules

None

Personnel and Administration

None

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee

Board Bill Number 85.

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

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee Report

Ms. Clark-Hubbard of the Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

Board of Aldermen Committee Report October 17, 2025

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee, to which the following Board Bill was referred, reports that it reviewed this Board Bills on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 and have discharged them with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:

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 80

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

An ordinance to repeal **Ordinance Number 69056** concerning the City’s participation in the Property Assessment Clean Energy Act, and enacting a new ordinance regarding the same to enable the City to join the Missouri Clean Energy District in order to provide an additional authorized entity through which owners of property within the City may obtain financing for energy efficiency or renewable energy improvements to their property pursuant to Missouri’s Property Assessment Clean Energy Act and stating the steps to be taken by the City in connection therewith, and the activities such District may conduct in the City as a member of such District.

Board Bill Number 82

As Amended in Committee

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and Comptroller of the City of St. Louis to execute, upon receipt of and in consideration of the sum of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$275,000.00), and other good and valuable consideration, a Quit Claim Deed to remise, release, and forever quit-claim unto 900 N Tucker Building, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, its successors and assigns, certain City-owned property located in City Block 534, which property is commonly known as 1134 and 1138 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive in the City of St. Louis, Missouri.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

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 17, 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 15, 2025 and have discharged them with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:

Board Bill Number 53

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 on the 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, and 4600 blocks of Carter Avenue.

Board Bill Number 67**Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning**

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 9th ward.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

Alderman Michael Browning
Committee Chair

Health and Human Development Committee Report

Ms. Boyd of the Health and Human Development Committee submitted the following report, which was read:

Board of Aldermen Committee Report October 17, 2025

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Health and Human Development Committee, to which the following Board Bill was referred, reports that it reviewed this Board Bill on Thursday, October 16, 2025 and have discharged it with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:**Board Bill Number 78****Committee Substitute****Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer****Cosponsors: Alderman Michael Browning and Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**

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.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

Alderwoman Pamela Boyd
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 17, 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 16, 2025 and have discharged it with the following recommendations:

Do Pass Recommendation:

Board Bill Number 62

As Amended in Committee

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.

Do Not Pass Recommendation:

None

Without Recommendation:

None

Alderman Bret Narayan

Committee Chair

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 Clerk read the following.

Board Bill Number 68

Introduced by Alderman Michael Browning

Cosponsor: Alderwoman Laura Keys

An ordinance renewing the previous blight determinations made by Ordinance Number 66847 and Ordinance Number 66985, and as renewed by Ordinance Number 68754 and Ordinance Number 70119 and Ordinance Number 71214 for the Cortex West Redevelopment Area (defined below) such that CORTEX West Redevelopment Corporation (“CORTEX”) can continue to exercise its right to use eminent domain granted by the city to complete the Redevelopment Plan.

President Green recognized Mr. Browning on the motion to perfect Board Bill Number 68.

Mr. Browning moved to perfect Board Bill Number 68.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Mr. Browning spoke on his motion. Ms. Tyus also spoke and asked for a roll call vote.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to Perfect Board Bill Number 68.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **A total of 11 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:

Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, and Ms. Tyus. **3 No votes were cast.**

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.

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 October 17, 2025

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

Ms. Velázquez of 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 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 64

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard

Cosponsor: President Megan Green

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

Cosponsor: President Megan Green

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

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

As Amended on the Floor

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.

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.

Alderwoman Daniela Velázquez

Chair of the Committee

Mr. Narayan asked to place Board Bill Numbers 43 & 74 on the Third Reading Informal Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk acknowledged.

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:

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President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on the motion to Third Read and Finally Pass the Board Bills on the Third Reading Consent Calendar.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to Third Read and Finally Pass the Board Bills on the Third Reading Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to Third Read and Finally Pass the Board Bills on the Third Reading 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, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and President Green. **A total of 13 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:

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

A total of 13 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:

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22. First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees

None

23. Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions

None

24. Courtesy Resolutions

President Green recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard on Resolution Number 129 adopted Friday, October 10, 2025.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard stated that having voted on the prevailing side she moves to reconsider the vote that adopted Resolution Number 129.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 129
HONORING CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM “BILL” LACY CLAY**

WHEREAS, Congressman William L. Clay Sr., the first African American elected to Congress from Missouri, was one of our nation’s most powerful and consequential champions for civil rights, workers’ rights and lifting up millions of unheard and underserved Americans; and

WHEREAS, William was born in the depths of the Great Depression and under the shadow of overt racism and segregation in St. Louis on April 30, 1931, to Irving and Luella Clay. He was the fourth oldest of seven children. Affectionately named “Bill” he started delivering newspapers at the age of eight. By the time he was thirteen, he started working at the Good Luck store in downtown St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, at the age of eighteen, Bill was arrested and wrongly accused of committing the murder of a white couple. A St. Louis Police Department Detective tried to beat a confession out of him. Bill was saved by his Aunt, who worked at the home of a member of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners. That incident taught him a lasting lesson as he later described it: *Survival and political* influence are inseparable in American society; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Bill Clay graduated from Saint Louis University as one of the first African Americans to earn a degree from that historic Jesuit institution. On October 10, 1953, he married the love of his life Carol Ann Johnson. They forged a life of love, laughter, family, and service that endured for 71 years. Mrs. Clay preceded the Congressman in death; and

WHEREAS, Clay was drafted into the United States Army in 1953 and assigned to Fort McClellan, Alabama where he organized a successful campaign to protest segregated policies on the base. As a punishment for his courage, Clay was threatened with court-martial and was transferred to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Clay’s career in public service began with his election as the Alderman from St. Louis ’26th Ward in 1959, where he championed the landmark Public Accommodations Act of 1961, which outlawed segregation in public places. He was later elected as the Democratic Committeeman from the 26th Ward in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Bill Clay was also at the center of numerous sit-ins in the 1950s and '60s that desegregated St. Louis fixtures such as White Castle, Howard Johnson’s, the Fairgrounds Park swimming pool, and the Fox Theatre; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1963, after conducting research that proved patterns of persistent segregated employment in St. Louis, Alderman Bill Clay, and his colleagues from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality, launched the historic sit-ins and protests at the Jefferson Bank and Trust Company in downtown St. Louis. That protest, which included his unjust arrest and enduring 118 days in jail, resulted in a historic victory for equality which broke the back of segregation in St. Louis. Bill Clay had made history, and it was just the beginning; and

WHEREAS, Bill Clay was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1968, representing Missouri’s 1st Congressional District. He was the first African American elected to Congress from Missouri. In 1971, Congressman Clay and twelve other colleagues founded the Congressional Black Caucus, which has continuously stood as the conscience of the Congress and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Clay served for 32 years, sponsoring more than three hundred major pieces of legislation. From 1991 to 1995, he chaired the powerful House Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service. Clay also served on the Education and Labor Committee throughout his career where he was a fearless champion for organized labor and working people; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Congressman Clay authored, and helped pass H.R. 1, the Family & Medical Leave Act, which was the first bill signed into law by President Bill Clinton. In 1996, Congressman Clay led the successful effort to raise the Federal Minimum Wage; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 2001, he was the fourth most senior member of the U.S. House. He was succeeded by his son, Congressman Lacy Clay, who served for ten terms; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Bill Clay also founded the William L. Clay Scholarship and Research Fund which has provided more than three hundred deserving students with a free college education and was honored by the establishment of the William L. Clay Center for Nanoscience at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the William L. Clay, Sr. Early Childhood Development Center at Harris-Stowe State University, and the William L. Clay, Sr. Institute of Civic Engagement and Economic Justice at his alma mater, Saint Louis University. He was the acclaimed author of six books and received numerous awards and twelve honorary degrees; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Bill Clay is survived by his children Vicki (Michael Jackson); Lacy (Patricia); Michelle (Henry Rorie), and his sister, Ms. Flora Everett. He was beloved by five grandchildren: Angela Thomas (Juan); Anthony Alexis, Jr.; H. Clay Rorie; Carol Bennett (Lance) and William Clay, III; as well as two great grandchildren, Ryan and Anthony Alexis, III. and was also loved by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans who never knew him know his good work and their lives are better because of his fearless advocacy for those who had no voice. Real heroes are rare, Congressman Bill Clay was one of them, and his legacy will live on forever.

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 of service and remarkable legacy of Congressman William Lacy Clay Sr. 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 to the family at the time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 10th day of October, 2025 by:

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

Cosponsors:

The Honorable Megan Green, President Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Daniela Velázquez, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3rd Ward

President Green called for the vote on the motion to reconsider the vote that adopted Resolution Number 129.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to place Resolution Number 129 En Banc.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard spoke on her motion.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to place Resolution Number 129 En Banc.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

25. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

None

26. Announcements

President Green directed the Assistant Clerk to Announcements.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

NONE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

NONE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE- 9AM – WEBINAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

FULL BOARD MEETING – CHAMBERS – 10AM

27. Excused Aldermen

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

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to excuse Ms. Cox-Antwi for necessary absence.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to excuse Ms. Cox-Antwi for necessary absence.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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 24, 2025 at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded Mr. Cohn.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adjourn the meeting under the rules until Friday, October 24, 2025 at 10am in the Chambers.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36am.

Minutes Submitted by:
Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen