



**Preliminary
Minutes
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting
Regular Meeting
Friday, October 9, 2026
10:00am**

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 Clerk to call the roll.

2. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll and the following members answered to their names: Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark Hubbard, Ms. Keys (via zoom), Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd (via zoom), Mr. Aldridge, and President Green. **11 members were in person and 2 via Zoom. A total of 14 were present. A quorum was established.**

Ms. Sonnier arrived in person while the meeting was in progress, making a total of 14 members present.

3. Opening Reflection or Prayer

President Green recognized 3rd Ward, Alderman Shane Cohn, in honor of Nation Coming Out Day.

Mr. Cohn led the members in open reflection/prayer.

4. Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day

President Green stated that Special Order of the Day will be the First Reading of Resolutions Calendar.

President Green recognized Ms. Velázquez on **Resolution #150**.

Ms. Velázquez requested unanimous consent.

Hearing no objection.

Ms. Velázquez moved to adopt **Resolution #150**.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt **Resolution #150**.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Having voted on the prevailing side Ms. Velázquez made a motion to reconsider to the vote to adopt **Resolution #150.**

Ms. Velázquez withdrew her motion to adopt **Resolution #150.**

Mr. Browning withdrew his second.

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Seconded by Mr. Browning.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to reconsider **Resolution #150.**

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Ms. Tyus, Ms. Boyd, and President Green **A total of 12 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: **1**

Mr. Aldridge

The following voted Present:

None.

The following Abstained:

None.

The following were present but did not vote: **1**

Sonnier

A total of 13 votes were cast. The motion carried.

President Green recognized Ms. Velázquez on **Resolution #149.**

Ms. Velázquez requested unanimous consent.

Hearing no objection.

Ms. Velázquez moved to adopt **Resolution #149.**

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

President Green recognized Mr. Browning

Mr. Browning made the motion to Enbanc **Resolution #149.**

Seconded by Ms. Velázquez.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to Enbanc **Resolution #149.**

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adopt **Resolution #149.**

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green invited Ms. Sonnier and her Special Guests to the dais on the presentation of **Resolution #149.**

Ms. Sonnier asked that **Resolution #149** be read.

The Clerk read Resolution #149 in its entirety.

Ms. Sonnier and her Special Guests spoke on **Resolution #149.**

President Green paused the meeting so that members could take a photo with the Special Guest.

President Green resumed the meeting after the photo.

5. Introduction of Honored Guests

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

President Green recognized members to introduced their honored guests.

Members of the Board were allowed to recognize and introduce their honored guests.

6. Approval of Minutes

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Friday, October 2, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, October 2, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, October 2, 2026 Full Board meeting.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Report of City Officials

None.

a.) Report of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

None.

b.) Office of the Mayor

None.

c.) Office of the Comptroller

None.

d.) Office of the President

None.

8. Petitions and Communications

None.

9. Board Bills for Perfection, Informal Calendar

President Green directed the meeting to the Board Bills for Perfection, Informal Calendar.

B.B. #78 – Devoti/Browning/Clark-Hubbard – An ordinance pertaining to the Street Improvement Fund, commonly known as St. Louis Works, and specifying the allocation of funds, and the creation of cost centers and standards governing the deployment of those funds, containing definitions, an effective date, and a severability clause.

10. Board Bills for Third Reading, Informal Calendar

None.

11. Resolutions, Informal Calendar

None.

President Green asked if any member wanted to take a Board Bill or Resolutions off any of the Informal Calendars.

There was no request.

12. First Reading of Board Bills

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

The Clerk read the following:

B.B. #88 – Aldridge/Clark-Hubbard – An Ordinance authorizing the honorary street name “Pruitt-Igoe Lane” pursuant to Ordinance Number 68937, which shall begin at the intersection of North 20th Street & Cass Avenue.

B.B. #89 – Aldridge – An Ordinance authorizing the honorary street name “Lois Conley Lane” pursuant to Ordinance Number 68937, which shall begin at the intersection of St. Louis Avenue & North 25th Street.

B.B. #90 – Sonnier – An ordinance pertaining to vacant nuisance property; amending Title 25 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis by enacting a new Chapter 25.34, to be known as “Municipal Receivership,” pursuant to the authority granted by Section 82.1026, RSMo, as amended by House Bill 199 (2025); authorizing the City to petition the circuit court for the appointment of a Receiver to rehabilitate, demolish, or sell vacant nuisance property; establishing procedures for notice, petition, and list pendens; establishing qualifications for Receivers and buyers; prioritizing Rehabilitation over

Demolition; providing for Receiver powers, compensation, liens, and Sale procedures; and containing a severability clause and emergency clause.

B.B. #91 – Sonnier/Aldridge/Boyd/Velázquez – An ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis by adding a new Section 11.120 to establish a Code Blue Emergency Weather Response Program; providing for its declaration, shelter access and operations, transportation, protection of survival supplies, and public outreach; creating the Code Blue Fund and dedicating to it the City's local three percent (3%) sales tax on adult-use marijuana; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

President Green asked to be added as a cosponsor to **Board Bill #91**.

The Clerk acknowledged.

13. Reference to Committee of Board Bills

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

The Clerk read the following:

Budget and Public Employees
None.

Health and Human Development
Board Bill Number 91.

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee
Board Bill Number 90.

Legislation and Rules
None.

Personnel and Administration
None.

Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee
Board Bill Numbers 88 and 89.

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 Clerk to the Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees.

The Clerk read the following:

The following board bill was reported out of the Housing Urban Development and Zoning Committee with a “Do Pass Recommendation”.

B.B. #80AAIC – Aldridge – An ordinance providing for the execution and delivery of an Acknowledgement and Consent to assignment of the Amended and Restated Lease for the multi-family apartment building commonly known as the Homer G. Phillips Senior Apartments located at 2601 Whittier Street, and containing an Emergency Clause.

5. Report of Special Committees

None.

16. Board Bills for Perfection – Consent Calendar

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

The Clerk read the following:

B.B. #64 – Sonnier – An ordinance directing the Director of Streets to permanently close, barricade, or otherwise impede the flow of traffic on the 2800 block of Oregon Avenue by blocking said traffic flow at Pestalozzi Street 120 feet north of the east curb line of Oregon Avenue.

B.B. #81 – Oldenburg/Schweitzer/Cohn/Devoti/Sonnier/Clark-Hubbard/Aldridge/Brown – An ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission amending the text of the zoning code to define and regulate smoke shops in the City of St. Louis and containing a Severability Clause and an Emergency Clause.

B.B. #76 – Sonnier – An ordinance to codify the Office of Sustainability within the Planning and Urban design Agency; authorizing a Sustainability Director.

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on the motion to adopt the Board Bills for the Perfect Consent Calendar.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to adopt the Board Bills for the Perfect Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Oldenburg.

President Green recognized Ms. Cox Antwi.

Ms. Cox Antwi asked to be added as a cosponsor to **B.B.#81**.

President Green directed the Clerk to add Ms. Cox Antwi as a cosponsor to **B.B.#81**.

The Clerk acknowledged.

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

None.

18. Report of Engrossment

President Green directed the Clerk to the Report of Engrossment.

The Clerk read the following report.

Board Bill #69CS, #51CS, #71, and #75AAOF

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

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

The Clerk read the following:

B.B. #69CS – 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.

B.B. #51CS – Cohn – An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the issuance, establishment of terms and sale of Airport Revenue Bonds not to exceed \$500,000,000.00 million to [effect the refunding of all or a portion of the City's subordinated indebtedness incurred to provide interim financing and refinancing for the acquisition, expansion, construction, renovation and equipping of airport facilities and to finance the cost of the purchasing, extension, improvement or enlargement of the airport]; providing for the funding of any required debt service reserve funds and capitalized interest funds and for the payment of costs of issuance; appointing a trustee; approving and authorizing the preparation, execution and delivery of necessary or appropriate documents and actions; repealing inconsistent prior ordinances; and containing severability and emergency clauses.

B.B. #71 – 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.

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. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote to adopt the Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills Consent Calendar.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, 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 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.

20. Third Reading and Final Passage of Board Bills

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

The Clerk read the following:

B.B. #75AAOF – Browning/Clark-Hubbard/Devoti/Schweitzer – An ordinance pertaining to a neighborhood implementation traffic calming system in the City of St. Louis, and establishing procedures for constituent requests of traffic calming, and the process for implementation. Containing definitions, an effective date, and a severability clause.

President Green recognized Mr. Browning on the motion to Third Read and Final Pass **B.B. #75AAOF**.

Ms. Browning moved to Third Read and Finally Pass **B.B. #75AAOF**.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Mr. Browning spoke on the bill. Other members who also spoke included Ms. Tyus, Ms. Cox Antwi and Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Tyus requested a roll call.

President Green called for the vote to Third Read and Finally Pass **B.B.#75AAOF**.

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

The following voted Aye:
Ms. Schweitzer, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Cox Antwi, Mr. Browning, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Keys, Mr. Aldridge, and President Green **A total of 12 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: 1

Ms. Boyd.

The following voted Present: **1**
Ms. Tyus.

The following Abstained:
None.

The following were present but did not vote:
None.

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

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

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

The Clerk read the following:

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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 directed the Clerk to the First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 149
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE CODE BLUE WINTER RESPONSE TEAM

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis and its partners share a solemn commitment to the safety, dignity, and well-being of every resident, including those most vulnerable to the life-threatening dangers of extreme winter cold; and

WHEREAS, Code Blue is the City of St. Louis's emergency response program that activates when temperatures fall to dangerous levels, mobilizing emergency shelter beds, warming centers, transportation services, and street outreach teams to protect people experiencing homelessness from hypothermia, frostbite, and death; and

WHEREAS, the 2025–2026 winter season marked a significant expansion and formalization of Code Blue, with the City establishing tiered activation levels, from Level 1 through Level 4, to ensure a timely and scalable response to severe cold-weather conditions, making emergency shelter available to over 600 individuals on the most dangerous nights; and

WHEREAS, this effort was not the work of any single agency but rather the result of an intentional, coordinated partnership among the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services, Mission: St. Louis, St. Louis Winter Outreach, AmeriCorps St. Louis, Peter and Paul Community Services, St. Patrick Center, Urban City Services, Wellston Loop CDC, Tent Mission STL, Bi-State Development and Metro Transit, faith communities, neighborhood organizations, and countless individual volunteers who gave of their time and energy to ensure that no person had to face the cold alone; and

WHEREAS, Christina Sterman served as Winter Co-Coordinator for Mission: St. Louis and the St. Louis City Continuum of Care, bringing more than five years of hands-on experience across the homelessness response system, including shelters, street outreach, and permanent supportive housing, as a Certified Community Health Worker and Peer Specialist at Gateway Housing First; and that her leadership in coordinating pop-up shelters, shuttle logistics, and on-the-ground outreach on the coldest nights of the year was indispensable to the success of this effort; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Warrington served alongside Christina Sterman as Winter Co-Coordinator for Mission: St. Louis, contributing more than a decade of deep community roots in street outreach and shelter coordination, particularly in the Central West End, as a core member of St. Louis Winter Outreach; and that her expertise, earned through years of direct service at Grace House, the Safe Haven at St. Patrick Center, and Gateway Housing First, and her completion of a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Missouri–St. Louis with a focus on Leadership and Social Change, made her an exceptional leader and fierce advocate for the unhoused; and

WHEREAS, Christina Sterman and Nicole Warrington together led the on-the-ground and coordination efforts of Code Blue, convening organizations and advocates into the Code Blue Coalition in Spring 2025 to build consensus and advocate for this policy ahead of the coming winter season; building trust with individuals living on the streets; making difficult real-time decisions; and serving as the connective tissue between the City's emergency systems and the people those systems were designed to protect; and

WHEREAS, Adam Pearson, Director of the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services, provided vital institutional leadership and partnership, working to ensure that Code Blue was properly resourced, coordinated across City departments, and responsive to the evolving needs of the winter season; and that Director Pearson exemplified servant leadership by personally going into the field, including driving transport vehicles late into

the night to bring unhoused residents safely to emergency shelters, demonstrating that true leadership means showing up and doing the work alongside those you serve; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the St. Louis City Department of Health, guided by efforts led by Commissioner Victoria Anwuri and Health Services Manager Michael Gilbert, heavily assisted with coordinating and supporting day-to-day operations of Code Blue, including coordinating volunteers, arranging shuttle transport, and providing health-oriented guidance to shelter providers; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Neighborhood Stabilization Division, including our Neighborhood Improvement Specialists, many of whom volunteered for outreach duties beyond their regular responsibilities, together with the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, served as the collective institutional backbone of Code Blue, ensuring that emergency beds were available, that partnerships were activated, and that no activation level was ever treated as routine when lives were at stake; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer members of St. Louis Winter Outreach, partner organizations, and countless number of selfless volunteer residents, including individuals who drove shuttles, staffed warming shelters through the night, walked the streets in bitter cold distributing blankets and supplies, and answered calls from hospital social workers seeking a shelter bed for someone in crisis, represent the spirit of community at its very best; and

WHEREAS, the work of Code Blue is not only an emergency response but also an expression of the City's values: that every human life has worth, that housing is a matter of survival and a human right, and that a community is measured by how it cares for those who are most vulnerable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the Board hereby extends its deepest recognition and gratitude to all organizations, staffs, and volunteers who participated in the Code Blue winter emergency homeless response during the 2025-2026 winter season, who will continue to partner and lead in the upcoming winter response, whose collective and intentional effort provide safety and shelter to some of the most vulnerable residents of our City and region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen recognizes Christina Sterman and Nicole Warrington, for their extraordinary leadership, dedication, and personal sacrifice in leading the on-the-ground and coordination efforts of Code Blue. Their commitment to the unhoused community, built over years of direct service long before any formal title, reflects the finest tradition of public service and human compassion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen recognizes Adam Pearson and the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services for their indispensable partnership in making Code Blue a reality, and especially recognizes Director Pearson's own hands-on involvement, as a model of leadership that inspires all who serve alongside him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen recognizes Commissioner Victoria Anwuri, Health Services Manager Michael Gilbert, and the staff of the City of St. Louis Department of Health for their steadfast partnership in the day-to-day operation of Code Blue, and especially recognizes their coordination of volunteers, transportation, and health guidance for shelter providers as a model of public health work in service of the City's most vulnerable residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen calls upon the City of St. Louis to continue investing in and expanding Code Blue and related winter homeless response programs, honoring the spirit of partnership and urgency that made this season's effort a success, and recommitting to the long-term goal of ensuring that every resident of St. Louis has safe, stable, and dignified housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to Christina Sterman, Nicole Warrington, Victoria Anwuri, Michael Gilbert, and Adam Pearson, as an expression of the Board's gratitude and esteem.

**Introduced this 9th day of October, 2026 by:
The Honorable Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7th Ward**

First Reading of Resolutions and Reference to Committees was adopted under the Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day.

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

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

The Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 147
HONORING STL TV FOR 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

WHEREAS, the Communications Division has served as the home of the City of St. Louis' government access channel-commonly known as STL TV-for the past 35 years; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a government access channel dedicated to the affairs of the local community is an essential public asset, allowing residents to witness their local government in action; and

WHEREAS, through STL TV, viewers gain a deeper understanding of how local policy decisions shape their daily lives, making government access channels a vital resource for monitoring, engaging with, and participating in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, citizens who follow these televised meetings and programs are better equipped to identify issues requiring their involvement as voters and community members, and an informed public strengthens the wellbeing of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, STL TV has produced tens of thousands of hours of programming covering every level of local government, including mayoral press conferences, weekly meetings of the Board of Aldermen, town halls, and special events hosted by city departments; and

WHEREAS, STL TV has proven to be an indispensable resource reflecting all facets of city life from youth to seniors, sports to food and local businesses, entertainment to emergency response capturing the full breadth of St. Louis' stories and experiences; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who have staffed and hosted STL TV productions represent a diverse and dedicated group of professionals from across the city, showcasing a rich range of backgrounds, cultures, ages, and perspectives; and

WHEREAS, STL TV stands out as a nationally recognized, Emmy Award winning station, honored with multiple Telly Awards and numerous local accolades for the quality, integrity, and impact of its programming: We congratulate STL TV for 35 years of exceptional service to the residents of the City of St. Louis and commend its continued commitment to informing, educating, and uplifting our community.

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, honor, and thank STL TV for their immeasurable impact. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minute of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented on the 9th day of October, 2026.

Introduced this 9th day of October 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 148
HONORING DR. MYRA BERRY

WHEREAS, Marian Wright Edelman reminds us: "Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." This is the quote that guides Dr. Myra Berry in the way that is her purpose, her commitment, and her path forward-together in St. Louis Public Schools. She believes our beloved City of St. Louis needs school leaders who understand their needs. Honored to be named Superintendent she has promised to unify the work and messaging of the district through her servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, as the daughter of proud Vashon Alumnus Dr. Myra Berry's journey with Saint Louis Public Schools began over 20 years ago when she accepted a position as a Special Education Teacher at Turner Middle School in the Historic Ville Neighborhood in North St. Louis. After teaching at Turner Middle and Clark Elementary, Myra's career continued in multiple roles and buildings in the district, including work as an instructional coach at Peabody School, Principal at Lexington Elementary, and then to the Director of Performance Management role in the Human Resources department; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Dr. Berry stepped into the Interim Chief of Human Resources role where she has served SLPS staff throughout a period of fluctuation in the district. She is honored to be named to the role of Superintendent of Saint Louis Public Schools, and promises to unify the work and messaging of the district through servant leadership. Her personal and professional mission is to "build better foundations for the grounds upon which our children will walk"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Berry believes that the future is bright for the city of St. Louis, all our children, and the dedicated staff of Saint Louis Public Schools. She is deeply committed to fostering a student-centered environment and leading with this philosophy at the core of her work through her shared vision for transformative educational leadership depends on a collective ability to face challenges with courage, collaboration, and compassion; driving meaningful change for every student SLPS serves; and

WHEREAS, through patience, kindness, and integrity, Dr. Berry and SLPS will rebuild trust, strengthen relationships, and continue the vital work of educating St. Louis' children. Working alongside her dedicated team, SLPS will advance their mission with purpose and impact and move St. Louis Public Schools forward stronger, united, and focused on what truly matters: the success and well-being of every student.

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 Dr. Myra Berry in her appointment to the position of Superintendent of Saint Louis Public Schools. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minute of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to Dr. Berry with well wishes and God speed by its Sponsor.

Introduced this 9th day of October 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 150
HONORING AND CELEBRATING MR. ROBERT JACKSON ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Jackson was born on **October 19, 1926, in Holly Grove, Arkansas**. At the age of seven, he moved with his family to **St. Louis, Missouri**, where he would establish his roots and spend most of his remarkable life; and

WHEREAS, from an early age, Mr. Jackson learned the importance of hard work and responsibility. As a teenager, he worked at **Lambert Mirror Works**, beginning what would become a lifetime characterized by dedication, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to work; and

WHEREAS, Jackson attended **Vashon High School** until 1945. After completing his high school years, he answered the call to serve his country and entered the **United States Army**, proudly serving from **1945 to 1947**. His military service became another important chapter in a life defined by service and commitment; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Mr. Jackson continued to build a distinguished work history. He spent an incredible **38 years working for the Missouri Pacific Railroad**, dedicating nearly four decades of his life to his career before retiring. His commitment to his work is a testament to the determination and strong work ethic that has defined him throughout his life. Mr. Jackson was also known for his willingness to work hard and stay active. From **1957 to 1960**, he worked part-time as a **Supreme Cab driver**, adding another chapter to his impressive professional journey; and

WHEREAS, beyond his career, faith has always been an important part of Mr. Jackson's life. He is a longtime member of **Friendly Temple**, where he has been a valued part of the church family. His faith and connection to the church have helped shape the life and legacy that we celebrate today, but perhaps what makes Mr. Jackson most special is not found on a résumé or in a list of accomplishments. It is found in the hearts of the people who know him. **Mr. Jackson is beloved by all who meet him**. His warmth, kindness, humor, and sincerity leave a lasting impression. Over the years he has touched the lives of family, friends, coworkers, church members, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, then there is Mr. Jackson's unmistakable sense of style! He has always taken pride in looking his best, and one of his signature traditions is making sure his **hat and shoes match**. His coordinated hats and shoes are more than a fashion statement—they are part of the personality and charm that make Mr. Robert Jackson uniquely himself; and

WHEREAS, as we honor Mr. Robert Jackson on his 100th Birthday, we celebrate much more than a number. We celebrate a century of memories, accomplishments, friendships, faith, hard work, laughter, and love with purpose, dignity, faith, and style. As family and friends gather to honor this extraordinary milestone, we thank God for the gift of his life and for the many years of memories he has given to those around him. Happy 100th Birthday to a truly remarkable man, Mr. Robert Jackson!

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 Mr. Robert Jackson on his 100th Birthday. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minute of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to Mr. Jackson on October 18, 2026 by its Sponsor.

Introduced this 9th day of October 2026 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10th Ward

RESOLUTION NUMBER 151

**RECOGNIZING THE 24TH ANNUAL MARY MEACHUM FREEDOM CROSSING CELEBRATION
AND HONORING THE LEGACY OF MARY MEACHUM IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

WHEREAS, Mary Meachum and her husband, the Reverend John Berry Meachum, were St. Louis abolitionists who dedicated their lives to educating and freeing enslaved people, defying Missouri's restrictive laws to do so; and

WHEREAS, after the death of her husband in 1854, Mary Meachum carried their mission forward, both as a leader on the Underground Railroad and as an advocate for broader change in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, on the night of May 21, 1855, a group of nine enslaved men, women, and children gathered under Mary Meachum's guidance to cross the Mississippi River at Bissell's Point and seek freedom in the free state of Illinois, with abolitionists from Alton waiting to help them on their way north; and

WHEREAS, the freedom seekers were ambushed on the Illinois shore, at least five were recaptured, and Mary Meachum was arrested and charged in criminal court for aiding their escape, a sacrifice that stands as a testament to her courage and conviction; and

WHEREAS, four of the nine freedom seekers had fled enslavement by Henry Shaw at the site of today's Missouri Botanical Garden, a connection that reminds us that this history is woven into the places St. Louisans know and visit today; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the National Park Service recognized the site of this crossing as part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, making the Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing the first Missouri site so designated; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, apprentices from St. Louis ArtWorks created a mural on the flood wall along the Mississippi Greenway depicting Mary Meachum in the river with the sun behind her, ensuring that all who walk or bike the Riverfront Trail encounter her story; and

WHEREAS, Countless volunteers, performers, and community partners have kept this history alive for more than two decades through the annual Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing Celebration, featuring historical reenactments, music, and family activities that shine light on hidden histories and inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, the 24th Annual Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, under the Gateway Arch on the St. Louis Riverfront, inviting residents and visitors alike to honor the freedom seekers of 1855 and all who risked everything in pursuit of freedom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 24th Annual Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing Celebration, to honor the enduring legacy of Mary Meachum and the freedom seekers of May 21, 1855, and to commend Great Rivers Greenway, Angela da Silva, St. Louis ArtWorks, and all those who preserve and share this history with our City. 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 9th Day of October 2026 by:
The Honorable Jami Cox Antwi, Alderwoman of the 8th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 152
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH AND NATIONAL COMING OUT
DAY IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

WHEREAS, October is recognized as LGBTQIA+ History Month, an observance with deep roots in the St. Louis region, first proposed in 1994 by Rodney Wilson, then a social studies teacher at Mehlville High School and graduate student at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, who believed that the history and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people deserved greater recognition and understanding; and

WHEREAS, October was selected for this observance in part because it includes National Coming Out Day, observed annually on October 11 and first celebrated in 1988 on the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, recognizing the importance of visibility and the ability of LGBTQIA+ people to live openly and authentically; and

WHEREAS, one of the most enduring symbols of that visibility is the rainbow Pride flag, first raised in San Francisco on June 25, 1978, during the Gay Freedom Day celebration, following the work of artist and activist Gilbert Baker and fellow members of the parade decorations committee to create a new and affirming symbol for the gay and lesbian community; and

WHEREAS, the original flag featured eight colorful stripes, including hot pink and turquoise, and was subsequently adapted into the familiar six-color design of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet that became recognized throughout the world as a symbol of LGBTQIA+ pride, visibility, community and solidarity. In 1994, Baker and a team of volunteers created a mile-long rainbow flag in New York City to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, carried by thousands of people and helping further establish the rainbow flag as an internationally recognized symbol of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis has its own important place in the history of the Pride flag and the movement it represents, with generations of LGBTQIA+ St. Louisans organizing, advocating, creating community and working toward greater equality and acceptance throughout our City's history. In June 2013, as PrideFest moved Downtown for the first time, Alderman Shane Cohn purchased rainbow Pride flags and, with the support of Mayor Francis Slay, arranged for them to be raised at St. Louis City Hall and the Civil Courts Building, marking the first time the Pride flag flew at either of these prominent civic buildings; and

WHEREAS, after concerns were raised by certain members of the judiciary that displaying the flag at the Civil Courts Building could be perceived as political, the flag there was removed and subsequently relocated to another City building at 1520 Market Street, while the Pride flag continued to fly proudly at City Hall, placing this enduring symbol of LGBTQIA+ visibility at the civic heart of our City; and

WHEREAS, that historic moment coincided with a remarkable week in the movement for LGBTQIA+ equality, as the United States Supreme Court issued its decisions in *United States v. Windsor* and *Hollingsworth v. Perry* on June 26, 2013, while St. Louis prepared to welcome PrideFest Downtown for the first time; and

WHEREAS, that Alderman Cohn also worked with the Board of Public Service, the Mayor's Office, and the Presiding Judge of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit to illuminate the Civil Courts Building in rainbow colors in celebration of PrideFest, transforming one of the City's most recognizable civic landmarks into a highly visible expression of recognition and inclusion. St. Louisans and visitors gathered Downtown to witness the

illuminated Civil Courts Building and other rainbow-lit landmarks, creating a public celebration of LGBTQIA+ identity and belonging that Pride St. Louis would later describe as a defining element of PrideFest 2013; and

WHEREAS, what began as a historic act in 2013 became a St. Louis tradition, with Pride flags returning to City Hall and the rainbow illumination of the Civil Courts Building continuing in subsequent years as visible expressions of the City's recognition of its LGBTQIA+ residents. St. Louis expanded that tradition in 2016 when the transgender Pride flag was raised at City Hall for the first time, further recognizing the visibility, dignity and contributions of transgender St. Louisans; and

WHEREAS, the original Pride flag first flown over St. Louis City Hall in 2013 has been preserved by Alderman Shane Cohn, with the intent that it be donated to an organization dedicated to preserving and sharing LGBTQIA+ history, so that this tangible piece of our City's history may be protected, interpreted and remembered for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, a flag is ultimately more than fabric: it can record a moment in history, represent the people who struggled to be seen and heard, and remind future generations how a community and a city came to understand themselves differently; and

WHEREAS, during LGBTQIA+ History Month and in recognition of National Coming Out Day, the preservation of this historic flag provides an opportunity not only to celebrate the progress represented by its first raising over City Hall, but also to remember the generations of LGBTQIA+ St. Louisans whose courage, advocacy, service and everyday lives helped make that moment possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations during LGBTQIA+ History Month to recognize the history and enduring legacy of the Pride flag, to commemorate the historic raising of the first Pride flag over St. Louis City Hall in 2013, and to recognize the preservation and donation of that original flag as an important artifact of the history of the City of St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes National Coming Out Day and the importance of preserving and sharing the history of LGBTQIA+ St. Louisans and their contributions to the civic, cultural and social history of our City; and

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

Introduced this 9th Day of October, 2026 by:
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3rd Ward

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

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

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

President Green recognized Mr. Browning.

Mr. Browning made a motion to Enbanc **Resolution #147**.

Seconded by Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to Enbanc **Resolution #147.**

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green recognized Ms. Velázquez.

Ms. Velázquez made a motion to Enbanc **Resolution #151.**

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to Enbanc **Resolution #151.**

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green recognized Ms. Velázquez.

Ms. Velázquez made a motion to Enbanc **Resolution #152.**

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to Enbanc **Resolution #152.**

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Green recognized Mr. Cohn.

Mr. Cohn made a motion to Enbanc **Resolution #148.**

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to Enbanc **Resolution #148.**

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

25. **Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**
B.B.#59 was held in the Budget and Public Employees Committee.

26. **Announcements**
President Green directed the Clerk to read Announcements.

The Clerk read the following:

Monday, October 12, 2026

None

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Housing Urban Development and Zoning Committee Meeting – 11am – Kennedy Room

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Public Infrastructure and Utilities – 3:30pm – Kennedy Room

Thursday, October 15, 2026

None

Friday, October 16, 2026

Full Board Meeting – 10am - Chambers

27. Excused Aldermen

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

Ms. Clark-Hubbard made a motion to excuse Mr. Devoti for necessary absence.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

President Green called for the vote to excuse Mr. Devoti for necessary absence.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

28. Adjournment

President Green recognized Ms. Clark Hubbard on the motion to adjourn.

Ms. Clark Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting until Friday, October 16, 2026 at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

President Green called for the vote on the motion to adjourn until Friday, October 16, 2026 at 10am in the Chambers.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.

Submitted by:

Sharita Rogers

Clerk

St. Louis Board of Aldermen