

**Draft  
Minutes  
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Friday, May 3, 2019, 2019  
10am  
City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen Chambers**

1. **Call to Order**

President Reed called the meeting to order at 10am.

2. **Roll Call**

President Reed directed the Clerk to call the roll. The Clerk called the roll and the following Aldermen answered to their names: Tyus, Middlebrook, T. Hubbard, Ingrassia, Coatar, Rice, Guenther, Vollmer, Martin, Arnowitz, Murphy, Howard, Green, Oldenburg, Todd, Davis, Spencer, Muhammad, Vaccaro, Narayan, S. Hubbard, P. Boyd, Navarro and President Reed. 24 members answered to their names. A quorum was established.

2. **Prayer**

The President Reed made the following prayer:

*“Almighty God, source of all authority, we humbly ask guidance in our deliberations and wisdom in our conclusions. Amen.”*

3. **Announcement of Any Special Order of the Day**

None

4. **Introduction of Honored Guests**

None

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Vollmer moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, April 15, 2019, Tuesday, April 16, 2019 and Friday, April 26, 2019 meetings.

Seconded Ms. Murphy.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. **Report of City Officials**

a) Report of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

None

b) Office of the Mayor

The following was reported from the Office of the Mayor:

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for reappointment to the Central West End North Special Business District Board: Henry Edmonds, Sam Kopljar, Fred Ricks and James Dwyer.

President Reed recognized Ms. Navarro.

Ms. Navarro moved to approve the Mayor’s reappointments to the Central West End North Special Business District Board.

Seconded by Mr. Arnowitz.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment and reappointment to the Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors: David Weber, Gary Reed, Gilberto Pinela, Greg Shapiro, Vincent Young and Troy Doles.

President Reed recognized Mr. Coatar.

Mr. Coatar moved to approve the Mayor's appointments and reappointments to the Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors.

Seconded by Ms. Murphy.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for reappointment to the Soulard Special Business District Board: James Rick, Luke Reynolds, William Clendenin, Esq., and Molly Dougherty.

President Reed recognized Mr. Coatar.

Mr. Coatar moved to approve the Mayor's reappointments to the Soulard Special Business District Board.

Seconded by Ms. Murphy.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment to the Convention and Visitors Commission: Theona Simbrat.

President Reed recognized Mr. Todd.

Mr. Todd moved to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Convention and Visitors Commission.

Seconded by Mr. Coatar.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for reappointment to the Port Authority Commission: Matthew McBride, Taunia Mason and Joan Miller.

President Reed recognized Ms. Ingrassia.

Ms. Ingrassia moved to refer the Mayor's reappointments to the Port Authority Commission to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Green

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment to the Central West End South Special District Board: Wendy Timm and Bruce Maize.

President Reed recognized Ms. Navarro.

Ms. Navarro moved to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Central West End South Special District Board.

Seconded by Mr. Coatar.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment and reappointment to the Euclid South Community Improvement District: Josh Udelhofen, Brian Phillips and John McElwain.

President Reed recognized Ms. Navarro.

Ms. Navarro moved to approve the Mayor's appointments and reappointments to the Euclid South Community Improvement District.

Seconded by Ms. Murphy.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment and reappointment to the Chouteau Crossing Community Improvement District: Elizabeth Austin, Nicole Blumner, Ron Kraus, Brian Pratt and Phillip Hulse.

President Reed recognized Ms. Ingrassia.

Ms. Ingrassia moved to approve the Mayor's appointments and reappointments to the Euclid South Community Improvement District.

Seconded by Ms. Murphy.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment to the Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens Special District Board: David Allen and Kathryn Shackelford.

President Reed recognized Ms. Green.

Ms. Green moved to approve the Mayor's appointment to the Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens Special District Board.

Seconded by Mr. Guenther.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment and reappointment to the Residence Inn Downtown Community Improvement District: Gregory Kreith, Diona Bester, Chris Hilton and Laura Lashley.

President Reed recognized Ms. Ingrassia.

Ms. Ingrassia moved to approve the Mayor's appointments and reappointments to the Residence Inn Downtown Community Improvement District.

Seconded by Ms. Murphy.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment and reappointment to the 840 East Taylor Community Improvement District: Elizabeth Austin, Nicole Blumner, Ron Kraus, Brian Pratt and Phillip Hulse.

President Reed recognized Mr. Coatar.

Mr. Coatar moved to approve the Mayor's appointments and reappointments to the 840 East Taylor Community Improvement District.

Seconded by Ms. Murphy.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The following Board Bill was signed by the Mayor:

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c.) Office of the President  
None

7. **Petitions and Communications**

None

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

None

9. **Board Bills for Third Reading, Informal Calendar**

None

10. **Resolutions, Informal Calendar**

None

11. **First Reading of Board Bills**

President Reed directed the Clerk to the First Reading of Board Bills. The following Board Bills were First Read by the Clerk:

**B.B.#1 – Pres. Reed/Vollmer** – Budget for Fiscal Year 2020; containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#2 – Coatar** - An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission pertaining to the Zoning Code, Title 26; amending Chapter 26.08 of the Revised Code by adding a cross-reference in the definition section for marijuana related uses; adding a new Chapter to the Zoning Code, Title 26, pertaining to the regulation of medical marijuana facilities and including sections on the purpose, definitions, use regulations and site requirements for Medical Marijuana Facilities, to be codified as Chapter 26.70 of the Revised Code; and containing a severability and an emergency clause.

**B.B.#3 – Davis** - An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the Comptroller, owner and operator of St. Louis Lambert International Airport to enter into and execute the Land Lease Agreement between the City and the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, granting to Lessee, subject to and in accordance with the terms, covenants, and conditions of the Agreement, certain rights and privileges in connection with the occupancy and use of the Premises, which is defined and more fully described in Section 1 of the Agreement that was approved by the Airport Commission and is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT “1” and made a part hereof, and its terms are more fully described in Section One of this Ordinance; containing a severability clause; and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#4 – P. Boyd** - An Ordinance establishing a four-way stop site at the intersection of Garesche and Goodfellow regulating all traffic traveling north-westbound and south-eastbound on Garesche at Goodfellow and regulating all traffic traveling north-eastbound and south-westbound on Goodfellow at Garesche, and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#5 – Bosley** - An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on April 3, 2019, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map and in City Block 1179, from “B” Two-Family Dwelling District to the “F” Neighborhood Commercial District, at 1500-04 Salisbury; and containing an emergency clause

**B.B.#6 – Moore** - An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on April 3, 2019, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map and in City Block 1880, from “C” Multiple-Family Dwelling District to the “H” Area Commercial District, at 3614 & 3616 Cote Brillante; and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#7 – Muhammad** - An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on March 6, 2019, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map and in City Block 3399, from “F” Neighborhood Commercial District to the “B” Two-Family Dwelling District, at 1913 & 1925 E. College; and containing an emergency clause

**B.B.#8 – NOT USED THIS SESSION**

**B.B.#9 – Arnowitz** - An ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of the City Department of Health (DOH) to enter into and execute an Agreement with St. Louis University (SLU) and St. Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice (SLCPHSJ) as part of a Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) grant to fund an Academic Health Department (AHD), upon approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and to expend funds by entering into contracts or otherwise for the grant purposes and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#10 – Clark-Hubbard** - An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on February 6, 2019, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map and in City Block 4549, from “B” Two-Family Dwelling District and “E” Multiple-Dwelling District to the “G” Local Commercial and Office District, at 5505, 5535-55 & 5559-79 Delmar Blvd. and 713-27 & 731 Belt Ave., so as to include the described parcels of land in City Block 4549; and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#11 – Muhammad** - An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis to maintain the Board of Aldermen as body of twenty-eight Aldermen representing twenty-eight wards, and preventing its reduction beginning December 31, 2021, to a body of fourteen Aldermen representing fourteen wards as called for under Article I, Section 3 of the City Charter; providing for an election to be held for voting on the proposed amendment and the manner for the voting; and for the publication, certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#12 – Vacarro** - An ordinance repealing Section One of Ordinance No. 68605, approved March 16, 2010, and codified as 2.08.430 in the City Revised Code of Ordinances, which pertains to election rules and procedures relating to the payment of taxes by candidates for elective office in the City, and replacing said section of Ordinance No. 68605 with a new Section One requiring all candidates for elective public office in the City to have paid in full at the time of their filing the those taxes and bills for services set forth herein and to provide evidence thereof in a sworn affidavit at said time.

**B.B.#13 – Davis** - An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City authorizing and directing the issuance by The City, of its Airport Revenue Bonds, St. Louis Lambert International Airport, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Thirty Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) in one or more series as part of the \$3,500,000,000 of bonds approved by the voters of the City in 1991 and 2003.

**B.B.#14 – Davis** - Pursuant to Ordinance 68937, an ordinance authorizing the honorary street name Fr. Biondi S. J. Way, which shall begin at the intersection of Lindell and Grand and run south on Grand to the intersection of Grand and the eastbound entrance ramp to Highway 44.

**B.B.#15 – Coatar** - An ordinance promoting the use of energy efficient heating through the connection to the Downtown Steam Distribution system; promoting the continual use of the Downtown Steam Distribution System for any development project occurring in Downtown St. Louis seeking Municipal Financial Incentives; prohibiting the Clean Energy Development Board of the City of St. Louis from approving financing for any project that would result in a commercial building disconnecting from or no longer using the Downtown Steam Distribution System for heat; a portion of the net profits be remitted to the SWMDC and containing a severability clause.

**B.B.#16 – Coatar** - An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 50258, which ordinance relates in part to the vacation of Russell from DeKalb to Second Street (the “Russell Vacation”) with conditions, authorizing the termination of the fire lane on the Russell Vacation in order that Soulard Second Street, L.L.C. or its successors and assigns (the “Developer”) may build a project on certain land (the “Subject Property”) located at 161-181 Trudeau.

**B.B.#17 – Roddy** - An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters residing in the Central West End Southeast Special Business District, as established in Ordinance No. 63780, approved May 31, 1996, amended in Ordinance No. 64550, approved January 15, 1999, and amended in Ordinance No. 68236, approved January 16, 2009, a proposal to extend the levy of a tax on the real property located in said district for an additional ten years and increasing the amount of such tax to an amount not to exceed \$0.85 per \$100 assessed valuation; submitting said proposal to the voters of said district at a Special Election on August 6, 2019; and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#18 – Roddy** - An ordinance approving the petition to establish the Newstead West Community Improvement District, establishing the Newstead West Community Improvement District.

**B.B.#19 – Spencer/Ingrassia/Guenther/Green/Navarro/Arnowitz/Rice** - An Ordinance requiring a City-wide vote to approve any proposal aimed at or having the effect of privatizing the St. Louis Lambert International Airport by the City's renting, leasing or transferring its control of the Airport, either in whole or in part, pursuant to the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Privatization Pilot Program (49 U.S.C. §47134; Section 149) and the Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-95); and containing a severability clause and emergency clause.

**B.B.#20 – Roddy** - An ordinance repealing paragraph (f) of Section Two of Ordinance 63780, approved on May 31, 1996, as amended in Ordinance 64550, approved January 15, 1999, and Ordinance 68236 approved January 16, 2009 and in lieu thereof a new paragraph (f) is enacted extending the period of time during which the Central West End Southeast Special Business District shall be permitted to collect a tax within the boundaries of the district and increasing the amount of such tax to an amount not to exceed \$0.85 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of all real property within such district and to amend and restate the use for which the additional revenue produced by such tax may be put to include cleaning, landscaping and maintenance, security and public safety, purchase and installation of public infrastructure, public transportation, administration, and contingency fund for such categories; and containing effectiveness and emergency clauses.

**B.B.#21 – Cohn/Clark-Hubbard** - An ordinance approved and recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of an Operating Lease Agreement of the property known as the West End Community Center between the City of St. Louis, as lessor, and Demetrious Johnson Charitable Foundation, Inc., as lessee; with an emergency provision.

**B.B.#22 – Howard** - An ordinance pertaining to parking within the "5347 Nottingham Parking District;" establishing the location and restrictions for curb parking in the restricted parking zone within the "5647 Nottingham Parking District;" authorizing the placement of Permit Parking Only signs within the District; and prohibiting the parking, within the District, of any vehicle which does not display the authorized permit; containing definitions, a penalty clause and an emergency clause.

**B.B.#23 – Middlebrook** - An ordinance approving a Redevelopment Plan for 1920 North Broadway.

**B.B.#24 – Vollmer** - An Ordinance to provide for the borrowing of funds in anticipation of the collection of tax payments levied by The City of St. Louis, Missouri (the "City") for deposit in its General Revenue Fund for the calendar year ending December 31, 2019, and remaining uncollected and other revenues remaining to be collected and deposited in the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, all such revenues for the General Revenue Fund in the board of The City of St. Louis, Missouri (the "Treasury"), through the issuance by the City of its Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, and the acquiring of credit enhancement, if necessary, in order to lower the cost of such borrowing; prescribing the form and details of such Notes; authorizing and approving certain documents and other actions; and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#25 – Guenther** - An ordinance approving a Redevelopment Plan for the 3230 Oregon Ave. ("Area") 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), containing a description of the boundaries of said Area in the City of St. Louis ("City"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "A", finding that redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Area is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City; approving the Plan dated February 19, 2019 for the Area ("Plan"), incorporated herein by attached Attachment "B", pursuant to Section 99.430; finding that there is a feasible financial plan for the development of the Area which affords maximum opportunity for development of the Area by private enterprise; finding that no property in the Area may be acquired by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") through the exercise of eminent domain; finding that the property within the Area is unoccupied, but if it should

become occupied the Redeveloper shall be responsible for relocating any eligible occupants displaced as a result of implementation of the Plan; finding that financial aid may be necessary to enable the Area to be redeveloped in accordance with the Plan; finding that there shall be available five (5) year tax abatement (based on 75% of the assessed value of the incremental improvements) ; and pledging cooperation of the Board of Aldermen and requesting various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City to cooperate and to exercise their respective powers in a manner consistent with the Plan.

**B.B. #26 – Guenther** - An ordinance approving a Redevelopment Plan for the 2911-2915 Ohio Ave. ("Area") 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), containing a description of the boundaries of said Area in the City of St. Louis ("City"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "A", finding that redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Area is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City; approving the Plan dated January 22, 2019 for the Area ("Plan"), incorporated herein by attached Attachment "B", pursuant to Section 99.430; finding that there is a feasible financial plan for the development of the Area which affords maximum opportunity for development of the Area by private enterprise; finding that no property in the Area may be acquired by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") through the exercise of eminent domain; finding that the property within the Area is unoccupied, but if it should become occupied the Redeveloper shall be responsible for relocating any eligible occupants displaced as a result of implementation of the Plan; finding that financial aid may be necessary to enable the Area to be redeveloped in accordance with the Plan; finding that there shall be available five (5) year tax abatement (based on 75% of the assessed value of the incremental improvements) ; and pledging cooperation of the Board of Aldermen and requesting various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City to cooperate and to exercise their respective powers in a manner consistent with the Plan.

**B.B.#27 – Vaccaro** - An ordinance requiring the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis to post on its website the qualifications and requirements that must be met by an individual in order to file a Declaration of Candidacy for elected office in the City of St. Louis and the procedure for filing a Declaration of Candidacy which are codified in Chapter 2.08 of the City of St. Louis Revised Code of Ordinances; and to update said posting within three (3) day following the effective date of any City of St. Louis ordinance or Missouri state statute which change or modify said requirements, rules and procedures.

**B.B.#28 – Davis** - An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the to enter into and execute on behalf of the City the “Assignment and Assumption of Interest in Dual Customs Agreement and Consent of The City of St. Louis” agreement (“Assignment Agreement”) whereby the City consents to the assignment by Bi-National Gateway Terminal, LLC to Brownsville International Air Cargo, Inc., all of Assignor’s right, title and interest in the Dual Customs Agreement AL-353, between the City and Assignor, dated January 9, 2015; said Assignment Agreement was approved by the Airport Commission and is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT “1”; containing a severability clause; and containing an emergency clause.

**B.B.#29 – Davis** - An ordinance recommended by the Airport Commission and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the Director of Airports to approve and execute on behalf of the City the “Consent to Change In Ownership and Control Structure of Bi-National Gateway Terminal LLC” substantially in the form as set out in ATTACHMENT “1” to this Ordinance, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, whereby the City consents to the change in ownership of Bi-National Gateway Terminal, LLC (“Bi-National”), the lessee, under that certain Second Restated and Amended Lease Agreement AL-094, dated February 14, 2019 and authorized by City Ordinance No. 70909 approved February 11, 2019, between the City and Bi-National (“Lease Agreement”), as such consent by the City is required in accordance with Section 1001 entitled “Assignment” of the Lease Agreement; providing that the provisions set forth in this Ordinance will be applicable exclusively to the document



approved or authorized by this Ordinance; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

**B.B.#30 – – NOT USED THIS SESSION**

**B.B.#31 – Roddy** - An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the issuance and delivery of not to exceed in aggregate \$17,259,000 plus issuance costs principal amount of tax increment revenue notes (Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3, and Phase 4 City Foundry Saint Louis RPA2 Redevelopment Project) Series 20\_\_- A/B, of The City of St. Louis; prescribing the form and details of such notes and the covenants and agreements made by the City to facilitate and protect the payment thereof; and containing a severability clause.

**B.B.#32 – J. Boyd** - An Ordinance authorizing the establishment of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council through an intergovernmental cooperative agreement by and between the City, the Sheriff, the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit Court, the Circuit Attorney, the Missouri State Public Defender and the Director of the Missouri Department of Corrections; authorizing the Mayor to enter into the intergovernmental cooperative agreement with the respective parties and requiring that the intergovernmental agreement contain certain subjects; providing for the filling of vacancies; providing, subject to appropriation, for an Executive Director and staff to be appointed by the Mayor and resources to be provided by the City and that the Executive Director and staff shall be members of the City's classified service plan; requiring the CJCC to prepare and submit its annual budget to the City; providing for maintaining an intergovernmental information sharing agreement; providing for the termination of such agreement; providing for the distribution of assets and liabilities upon dissolution; providing for the severability of the agreement; requiring that the CJCC prepare and provide an annual report to the Mayor and to the Board of Aldermen; and containing a severability clause.

**B.B.#33 – P. Boyd** - An ordinance directing the Director of Streets to make such changes in the present traffic pattern controlling traffic on Thrush in the 5200 block of Thrush between Theodore and Thekla so that as reconfigured the traffic pattern developed and in place as a result of the changes directed by this ordinance are as follows, namely: Thrush – 5200 block - traffic to flow one-way northeast between Theodore and Thekla.

**B.B.#34 – Howard** - An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis, a proposal to revise Section 2 of Article VIII of the City of St. Louis Charter which requires City employees to reside within the boundaries of the City of St. Louis and thus allow said employees, except for City Agency and Department Directors appointed by the Mayor, to reside outside of the boundaries of the City, and; providing for an election to be held for voting on the proposed revision and the manner of voting thereat and; for the publication, certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an emergency clause.

**12. Reference to Committee of Board Bills, Resolutions, Mayoral Appointments**

President Reed directed the Clerk to read the Reference to Committee and instructed the Clerk to change Board Bill Number 34 from the Legislation Committee to the Public Employees Committee. The Clerk read the following Reference to Committee:

Convention and Tourism:

None

Education and Youth Matters

None

Engrossment, Rules and Resolutions:

None

Health and Human Services:  
Board Bill Numbers 9

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning:  
Board Bill Numbers 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 15 and 31

Intergovernmental Affairs:  
Board Bills Numbers 11 and 32

Legislation:  
Board Bill Numbers 12 and 27

Neighborhood Development:  
Board Bill Numbers 23, 25 and 26

Parks and Environmental Matters:  
Board Bill Number 21

Personnel and Administration:  
None

Public Employees:  
Board Bill 34

Public Safety:  
None

Public Utilities:  
None

Streets, Traffic and Refuse:  
Board Bill Numbers 4, 14, 16, 22 and 33

Transportation and Commerce:  
Board Bill Numbers 3, 13, 19, 28 and 29

Ways and Means:  
Board Bill Numbers 1, 17, 18, 20 and 24

13. **Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees**  
None

14. **Report of Special Committees**  
None

15. **Perfection Consent Calendar**  
None

16. **Board Bills for Perfection**  
None

17. **Third Reading Consent Calendar**  
None
18. **Third Reading / Report of Engrossment and Final Passage**  
None
19. **Report of Enrollment Committee**  
None
20. **Courtesy Resolutions Consent Calendar**  
President Reed directed the Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions. The Clerk read the following Courtesy Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 7  
HONORING DR. MARABETH E. GENTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen pauses today to recognize and applaud Dr. Marabeth E. Gentry a native of St. Louis, Missouri for her many accomplishments and contributions locally and throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Marabeth Gentry is the daughter of the late Joshua and Geneva Gentry and is a distinguished alumnus of Harris Stowe State University; she received a Master of Arts in Music from Webster University and an Honorary Doctorate from Easter Theological Seminary; she was twice selected as a Who's Who Among American Teachers and is a retired educator from the St. Louis Public School System after 32 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her public service, Dr. Marabeth Gentry is known as a world-acclaimed psalmist; she has appeared on radio and television programs locally, nationally, and internationally, and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Gentry has recorded one album featuring her talents and appeared on many others and is known as "The Sanctified Opera Singer" and has also become known as a multi-talented singer who sang Gospel, Opera, Broadway and Soul Tunes; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 at the 80th annual gathering of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses (NCGCC) held in Washington, DC, Dr. Marabeth Gentry was elected National President and before her elevation she had served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for almost twenty years alongside the late NCGCC President Bishop Kenneth Moales, Sr. and under her leadership and vision the NCGCC membership and awareness of the convention has increased; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Marabeth Gentry is currently the President for When Singers Meet, Inc. a Gospel music performance organization that she partnered with The Salvation Army for over 40 years. Dr. Gentry is a two-time Stellar Award recipient and in March 2018 she was inducted into the Stellar Awards Honors Hall of Fame; she has received numerous awards including the Legacy Award from the St. Louis County Chapter of the NAACP; and

**WHEREAS**, as an honorary member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority she has received many awards and much recognition from civic, community, educational and religious national organizations for her accomplishments and work and in her humble way she credits all accomplishments to God's presence and hand on her life.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize Dr. Marabeth E. Gentry and to thank her for her many contributions to the St. Louis region and throughout the world and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:

**Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman Ward 4**

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman Ward 19**

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 8  
HONORING FR. LAWRENCE BIONDI, S.J.**

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Lawrence Biondi, S.J. became President of Saint Louis University in 1987, and served the University in this capacity until 2013, making him the University's longest serving President; and

**WHEREAS**, under Fr. Biondi's leadership Saint Louis University underwent significant academic, physical and financial transformations earning national regard as an institution of higher-education and research and as one of the nation's premier Catholic universities; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Biondi oversaw the successful completion of three major fundraising campaigns, which together total more than \$600 million, and as President Emeritus he continues to play a major role in the University's fundraising efforts in the U.S. and internationally, and in the University's international student recruitment efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Biondi placed new and greater emphasis on the Jesuit mission of service to the community (teaching men and women to be of service to others by advancing education, alleviating poverty and injustice, and caring for those in need) and the result of this effort is observable: one example being; the 2010 opening of Casa de Salud a not for profit health center on the University's campus, which filled the void in access to healthcare for the region's immigrant community and uninsured; and

**WHEREAS**, during his twenty-six-years as president the University's endowment rose from \$93 million to \$1.2 billion; freshman enrollment rose from 660 to 1,618 while the student-to teacher-ratio fell in relation to a 180% increase in faculty members; the University's St. Louis and Madrid, Spain campuses were doubled in size; and the University became the first American university to be officially recognized as a degree granting institution by the Spanish Ministry of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, during Fr. Biondi's tenure the University's campuses underwent significant transformations, including: construction of McDonnell Douglas Hall, the home of Parks College of Engineering and Aviation; the over ten-thousand seat Chaifetz Arena which brought men's basketball back to campus for the first time in sixty-years; a leading-edge research facility, the Edward A. Doisy Research Center; the renovation of Scott Hall, the new home of the University's School of Law located in the midst of downtown St. Louis' legal and business communities and center of City government; conversion of the former West Pine Gym to the 70,000 square foot Center for Global Citizenship; the acquisition of facilities needed to provide a permanent home for the University's Madrid, Spain campus, and the addition of San Ignacio Hall providing the Madrid campus a new library, cafeteria, and fine and performing arts studios; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Biondi's transformation of the University's campus provided a much, needed anchor for the development of Grand Center, and his vision for the area, charisma, and leadership attracted private investment to this and other areas surrounding the University's campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Biondi worked tirelessly with the City of St. Louis and private developers to revive and bring in to use vacant and blighted properties such as The Continental Building which would have not have been renovated but for the University’s investment; and

**WHEREAS**, under Fr. Biondi’s leadership the University became a founding member and initial investor in the CORTEX Innovation Community initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Biondi is the recipient of numerous honors for his contributions to the University, the City of St. Louis and surrounding region, including: Tree of Life Award (Jewish National Fund’s highest humanitarian honor, annually presented to an individual or family – 1997); named a St. Louis Citizen of the Century (St. Louis Post Dispatch – 1999); Leon R. Strauss Urban Pioneer Award (St. Louis Ambassadors - 2001); St. Louis Civic Leadership Award (City of St. Louis - 2001); Mayor John H. Poelker Award (CORO Foundation - 2004), St. Louis Citizen of the Year (Awarded by past recipients, sponsored by St. Louis Post Dispatch – 2005); named a Top Ten Legend (St. Louis Business Journal – 2006); John D. Levy Human Relations Award (American Jewish Committee of St. Louis - 2011); Mayor’s Civic Award (Mayor Francis Slay - 2013); and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Biondi has served on the boards of directors of many local organizations, including: the St. Louis Art Museum (1997 - 2013); the St. Louis Zoo (1994 - 2003); St. Louis Symphony (1993 - 2013); Missouri Botanical Garden (1987 - 2013); Grand Center, St. Louis (1988 - 2010); CORTEX Innovation Community (founding member 2002 - 2013); Saint Louis University High School (2013 – present); and Saint Louis University Trustee and President Emeritus (2013 – present).

**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 many accomplishments of Fr. Lawrence Biondi, S.J. and to commend him for his substantial contributions to the City of St. Louis, and to thank him for his tireless commitment to bettering the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree, Fr. Lawrence Biondi, S.J., at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman Ward 19**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 10**  
**THE 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**MARY MEACHAM FREEDOM CROSSING CELEBRATION**  
**AFRICANS TO AMERICANS: 400 YEARS OF HISTORY**

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019, from 12:00pm – 5:00pm, residents from the St. Louis region and beyond are invited to watch history come to life as told by three renowned St. Louis Area playwrights during the event, Africans to Americans: 400 Years of History, which consists of three plays chronicling the stories of Africans, who arrived as slaves in 1619 up until present day; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the seventeenth annual event held at Missouri’s first, nationally recognized Underground Railroad site, the historic Mary Meacham Freedom Crossing, which commemorates the historic significance of the site and the importance of African American history in St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mariam Meacham Freedom Crossing commemorates the work of Abolitionist, Mary Meacham, a free woman of color who guided many slaves to freedom by helping them cross the Mississippi

River to the free state of Illinois, and who went on to spearhead education efforts in St. Louis for men, women, and children of color; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Africans to Americans: 400 Years of History event the Mary Meacham Freedom Crossing Celebration and the St. Louis Public Library's Genealogy Room are co-hosting a free workshop to help people of color trace their ancestry in America, as typical genealogical research strategies typically fail when applied to enslaved African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the plays and genealogy workshop the event will feature music, games for children, a gospel choir competition sponsored by Praise 95.1 radio, artisan goods and crafts, as well as food and drink; and

**WHEREAS**, the Africans to Americans: 400 Years of History is a free event sponsored by the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, National Black Tourism Network, Youth and Family Center, National Underground Railroad Network, the City of St. Louis, St. Louis Public Library, St. Charles County Parks and the Daniel Boone Home, Great Rivers Greenway, and Missouri Division of Tourism

**WHEREAS**, the Africans to Americans: 400 Years of History event and The Mary Meacham Celebration are great ways for people from across the region to learn about the history of the Mary Meacham Freedom Crossing site and the powerful role that people of color have played and continue to play in shaping St. Louis region.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen encourages the residents of this City to attend and take advantage of the important educational opportunity offered by the seventeenth annual Mary Meacham Celebration and the three theatrical productions of the Africans to Americans: 400 Years of History event.

Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019 by:

**Honorable Lisa Middlebrook**

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 11 CORNERSTONE CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING**

**WHEREAS**, Cornerstone Center for Early Learning is celebrating 50 years of serving children and families according to its mission: To provide quality, comprehensive, and affordable childcare and preschool education in a nurturing, creative environment for St. Louis-area families of all economic backgrounds.

**WHEREAS**, Cornerstone Center for Early Learning was founded in 1969 in the Shaw neighborhood by a group of churches who recognized the need for income-based childcare and was the first accredited early learning center in the city of St. Louis;

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Cornerstone served 204 children from 170 families; ages 6 weeks to 5 years; 41% from working families with annual income under \$20,000; 62% under \$30,000; 45% pay no tuition per state income guidelines; 12% pay \$1 – \$25 week; and 52% of the children were African American; 32% Caucasian; 10% Multi-racial; 5% Hispanic; 1% Other.

**WHEREAS**, Cornerstone has filled a vital need on the southside of St. Louis for 50 years, and should be commended for their loving and excellent care for their children and families, their dedication to their mission, and its unparalleled reputation for nonprofit child care and educational excellence with endorsements, accreditations, and awards from the United Way of Greater St. Louis, The Better Business Bureau, Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis, and Y.W.C.A. Head Start.

**WHEREAS**, Cornerstone Center for Early Learning will celebrate 50 years of service at its 25th Celebration for Children on Saturday, April 27th at Windows on Washington

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to celebrate Cornerstone Center for Early Learning's 50 years of service to St. Louis, and recognize the impact Cornerstone has on their children and families and for their contributions to the City of St. Louis, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a copy to be presented to our honoree at their 25<sup>th</sup> Celebration for Children on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Windows on Washington.

Introduced this day 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, by:  
**Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12  
HONORING GERALD FRENCH**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Gerald French** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for his outstanding work as a **Worshipful Master** and leader in his organization; and

**WHEREAS, Gerald French, Past Master** and member of **Acacia Lodge #166**, served as **Worshipful Master** from **January 2001 thru December 2001**; and

**WHEREAS, Gerald French** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Gerald French** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in his service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Gerald French** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those he mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those **he** led; and

**WHEREAS, Gerald French** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of his service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Gerald French** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Gerald French** and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13  
HONORING LARRY HOOTEN**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Larry Hooten** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for his outstanding work as a **Worshipful Master** and leader in his organization; and

**WHEREAS, Larry Hooten, Past Master** and member of **Southgate Lodge #161**, served as **Worshipful Master** from **January 2011 thru December 2011**; and

**WHEREAS, Larry Hooten** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Larry Hooten** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in his service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Larry Hooten** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those he mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those he led; and

**WHEREAS, Larry Hooten** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of his service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Larry Hooten** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Larry Hooten** and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14  
HONORING CORNELIUS THOMPSON**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Cornelius Thompson** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for his outstanding work as a **Worshipful Master** and leader in his organization; and

**WHEREAS, Cornelius Thompson, Past Master** and member of **Acacia Lodge #166**, served as **Worshipful Master** from **January 2012 thru December 2012**; and

**WHEREAS, Cornelius Thompson** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Cornelius Thompson** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in his service, acting as an agent of change; and



**WHEREAS, Cornelius Thompson** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those he mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those he led; and

**WHEREAS, Cornelius Thompson** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of his service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Cornelius Thompson** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate *Cornelius Thompson* and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 15  
HONORING NATHANIEL DAVIS**

**WHEREAS,** we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Nathaniel Davis** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for his outstanding work as a **Worshipful Master** and leader in his organization; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis, Past Master** and member of **Acacia Lodge #166,** served as **Worshipful Master** from **January 2013 thru December 2013;** and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in his service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those he mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those he led; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of his service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate *Nathaniel Davis* and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**

**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 16  
HONORING TONY FISHER**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Tony Fisher** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for his outstanding work as a **Worshipful Master** and leader in his organization; and

**WHEREAS**, **Tony Fisher, Past Master** and member of **Acacia Lodge #166**, served as **Worshipful Master** from **January 2002 thru December 2004**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Tony Fisher** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS**, **Tony Fisher** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in his service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS**, **Tony Fisher** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those he mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those he led; and

**WHEREAS**, **Tony Fisher** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of his service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS**, **Tony Fisher** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Tony Fisher** and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 17  
HONORING NATHANIEL DAVIS, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Nathaniel Davis, Jr.** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for his outstanding work as a **Worshipful Master** and leader in his organization; and

**WHEREAS**, **Nathaniel Davis, Jr., Past Master** and member of **Acacia Lodge #166**, served as **Worshipful Master** from **January 2006 thru December 2007**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Nathaniel Davis, Jr.** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis, Jr.** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in his service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis, Jr.** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those he mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those he led; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis, Jr.** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of his service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Nathaniel Davis, Jr.** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate *Nathaniel Davis, Jr.* and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 18**  
**HONORING ROBERT PARSON**

**WHEREAS,** we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Robert Parson** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for his outstanding work as a **Worshipful Master** and leader in his organization; and

**WHEREAS, Robert Parson, Past Master** and member of **Acacia Lodge #166,** served as **Worshipful Master** from **January 2010 thru December 2011;** and

**WHEREAS, Robert Parson** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Robert Parson** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in his service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Robert Parson** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those he mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those he led; and

**WHEREAS, Robert Parson** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of his service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Robert Parson** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate *Robert Parson* and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:  
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 19  
HONORING JIM WILLIAMS**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Jim Williams** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for his outstanding work as a **Worshipful Master** and leader in his organization; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim Williams**, **Past Master** and member of **Acacia Lodge #166**, served as **Worshipful Master** from **January 2014 thru December 2015**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim Williams** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim Williams** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in **his** service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim Williams** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those **he** mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those **he** led; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim Williams** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of **his** service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jim Williams** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Jim Williams** and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:  
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 20  
HONORING LYDIA LEWIS**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Lydia Lewis** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for her outstanding work as a **Worthy Matron** and leader in her organization; and

**WHEREAS**, **Lydia Lewis**, **Past Worthy Matron** and member of Phoenix Chapter #81, served as **Worthy Matron** from **January 2014 thru December 2016**; and

**WHEREAS, Lydia Lewis** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Lydia Lewis** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in her service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Lydia Lewis** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those she mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those she led; and

**WHEREAS, Lydia Lewis** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of her service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Lydia Lewis** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate her commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Lydia Lewis** and we thank her for her continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 21**  
**HONORING MYRTLE BRYANT**

**WHEREAS,** we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Myrtle Bryant** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for her outstanding work as a **Worthy Matron** and leader in her organization; and

**WHEREAS, Myrtle Bryant, Past Worthy Matron** and member of Phoenix Chapter #81, served as **Worthy Matron** from **January thru December** ; and

**WHEREAS, Myrtle Bryant** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Myrtle Bryant** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in her service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Myrtle Bryant** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those she mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those she led; and

**WHEREAS, Myrtle Bryant** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of her service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Myrtle Bryant** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate her commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Myrtle Bryant** and we thank her for her continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 22**  
**HONORING TORIA ROWE**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Toria Rowe** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for her outstanding work as a **Worthy Matron** and leader in her organization; and

**WHEREAS**, **Toria Rowe**, **Past Worthy Matron** and member of Phoenix Chapter #81, served as **Worthy Matron** from **January 2004 thru December 2006**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Toria Rowe** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS**, **Toria Rowe** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in her service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS**, **Toria Rowe** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those she mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those she led; and

**WHEREAS**, **Toria Rowe** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of her service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS**, **Toria Rowe** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate her commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Toria Rowe** and we thank her for her continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 23**  
**HONORING TERRYL WILLIAMS**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Terryl Williams** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for her outstanding work as a **Worthy Matron** and leader in her organization; and

**WHEREAS, Terry Williams, Past Worthy Matron** and member of Phoenix Chapter #81, served as **Worthy Matron** from **January 2002 thru December 2004**; and

**WHEREAS, Terry Williams** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Terry Williams** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in her service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Terry Williams** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those she mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those she led; and

**WHEREAS, Terry Williams** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of her service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Terry Williams** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate her commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Terry Williams** and we thank her for her continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24**  
**HONORING LOUIS SINGLETON**

**WHEREAS,** we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Louis Singleton** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for her outstanding work as a **Worthy Matron** and leader in her organization; and

**WHEREAS, Louis Singleton, Past Worthy Matron** and member of Phoenix Chapter #81, served as **Worthy Matron** from **January 2001 thru December 2002**; and

**WHEREAS, Louis Singleton** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Louis Singleton** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in her service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Louis Singleton** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those she mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those she led; and

**WHEREAS, Louis Singleton** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of her service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Louis Singleton** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate her commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Louis Singleton** and we thank her for her continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:  
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 25  
HONORING VERA CROWDER**

**WHEREAS,** we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Vera Crowder** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for her outstanding work as a **Worthy Matron** and leader in her organization; and

**WHEREAS, Vera Crowder, Past Worthy Matron** and member of Phoenix Chapter #81, served as **Worthy Matron** from **January 1999 thru December 2000;** and

**WHEREAS, Vera Crowder** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS, Vera Crowder** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in her service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS, Vera Crowder** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those she mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those she led; and

**WHEREAS, Vera Crowder** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of her service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS, Vera Crowder** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate her commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Vera Crowder** and we thank her for her continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:  
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26  
HONORING MARVA JEAN JOHNSON**



**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Sunday, April 28, 2019, **Marva Jean Johnson** will be recognized by the Brothers of Acacia Lodge #166 and the Sisters of Phoenix Chapter #81, with presentations for her outstanding work as a **Worthy Matron** and leader in her organization; and

**WHEREAS**, **Marva Jean Johnson**, **Past Worthy Matron** and member of Phoenix Chapter #81, served as **Worthy Matron** from **January thru December** ; and

**WHEREAS**, **Marva Jean Johnson** has brought respect, honor, and integrity to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, in leading by example, exhibiting the highest level of ethics and maintaining a superior moral character; and

**WHEREAS**, **Marva Jean Johnson** has volunteered numerous hours in the St. Louis community, and has exhibited outstanding community spirit in her service, acting as an agent of change; and

**WHEREAS**, **Marva Jean Johnson** has imparted knowledge and wisdom to those she mentored, compassion and selflessness to those in need, and inspiration and encouragement to those she led; and

**WHEREAS**, **Marva Jean Johnson** has displayed unwavering commitment to service and by the quality of her service has made a significant and positive impact on the City of St. Louis, and its surrounding counties; and

**WHEREAS**, **Marva Jean Johnson** is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate her commitment to the entire 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 recognize and congratulate **Marva Jean Johnson** and we thank her for her continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 27**  
**COMMEMORATING THE MOUNT ESTHER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 95<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that Mount Esther Missionary Baptist Church will be commemorating its 95<sup>th</sup> church anniversary on Sunday, April 28, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the first day of the month of May, 1924, the Mount Esther Missionary Baptist Church, was erected for 15 years with nine Pastors; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1939, Rev. LC Richmond was called to Pastor for 43 years of Leadership. Unity of the church members and surrounding community was a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, many activities were implemented, such as the fun fairs in July, church and community picnics, church trips were taken to show how other parts of the country lived and the States Rally, which instilled leadership and knowledge of the states who represented Black History month; and

**WHEREAS**, Mount Esther was a hub for family reunions and served as a voting precinct for a portion of the 4<sup>th</sup> ward. It was an underground railroad that elevated and promoted some of today's pastors, musicians, promoters, radio personalities, and educators; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary L. Anderson, became pastor in June of 1984. The church's motto became "Church on the Move". Under his pastoral ship, leadership training became a priority and led to membership with the Berean District Association where all members were able to attend at no extra cost; and

**WHEREAS**, to reach the community near and far, the Trinity Sunrise Services was developed to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All previous activities for members and community were improved and still implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the pulpit elected a new Pastor, Edward Morgan. Pastor Morgan continued with the growth of the church which brought in members with a renewed mind. Still reaching beyond the walls with women's ministry, men's ministry, youth ministry, and single's ministry. All the ministries provide support and encouragement, physically and spiritually.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join the community, congregation, and alumni from all over to celebrate Mount Esther Missionary Baptist Church's 95<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary and to recognize the impact of the church and its commitment to serving the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward community as well as the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to Mount Esther Missionary Baptist Church at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:  
Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION 28  
HONORING LUKE REYNOLDS**

**WHEREAS**, Luke Reynolds is the co-owner and proprietor of Molly's and 808 Maison in Soulard; and

**WHEREAS**, Luke is a member of the Soulard Business Association, the Soulard Restoration Group and an active member of the SRG's Beautification Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Luke generously contributes both his time and financial resources to the Beautification Committee and many other neighborhood causes for the betterment of Soulard; and

**WHEREAS**, Luke is an outstanding neighbor, a successful business owner and contributes greatly to Soulard's social fabric and public art displays; and

**WHEREAS**, Luke has contributed public art and sculptures to both Pontiac Square Park and Aboussie Park in Soulard; most notably, Luke recently contributed benches designed by famous St. Louis sculptor Bob Cassilly to Pontiac Square Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Luke's contributions to public art and his beautification make Soulard's parks even more enjoyable places to socialize and marvel at the beauty of Historic Soulard.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations and join with the family, friends and neighbors of Luke Reynolds to honor him for his contributions to Soulard and his dedication to beautifying and improving Soulard's public spaces as we direct

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

**Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION 29**  
**HONORING SADIE ARNETIA NELSON**

**WHEREAS**, Sadie Arnetia Nelson was born in Durhamville, Tennessee on April 24, 1919 to Leroy and Fannie Baker Nelson, one of eight children born to this union; and

**WHEREAS**, When Sadie was three years old her father moved the family to Carbondale, Illinois so his children could go to college; and

**WHEREAS**, All the Nelson children attended college, six of them becoming educator and the other two became beauticians; and

**WHEREAS**, Sadie's siblings were Celesta Shaw, Maggie Walker, John A Nelson, Lelia Armstead, Essie Metcalf, Carl Nelson, and Virginia Clark all whom have passed on to glory leaving Sadie as the last surviving Nelson sibling; and

**WHEREAS**, Sadie married John A. Algee on October 11, 1943, and in 1952 they moved to St. Louis when he was offered a position at Sumner High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Sadie and John Algee had two children, Carlotta and John Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, During her marriage Sadie attended the Milady Beauty School and was employed by Mildred's Beauty Shop but, her greatest achievement was raising her two children Carlotta and John Jr. and her niece Cynthia Shaw; and

**WHEREAS**, Sadie has been a member of the Antioch Baptist Church where she was a member of the Chancel Choir; and

**WHEREAS**, When Sadie was born Woodrow Wilson was 28<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America and Sadie has lived through the election and swearing in of eighteen Presidents of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Sadie was blessed to have voted for the first Black President of the United States of America, Barrack Hussein Obama in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, On Thursday, April 24, 2019 Mrs. Sadie Nelson Algee will celebrate her 100 birthday and her family plans a joyful celebration of her life; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Members of this Honorable Board of Aldermen join the sponsor of this resolution in expressing their heartfelt wishes for a Happy Birthday to Mrs. Sadie Algee upon the celebration of her 100 birthday.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of this Honorable Board of Aldermen be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to be present to Mrs. Sadie Algee at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019 by:

**Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderman Ward 1**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 30  
RECOGNIZING CEDRIC COBB**

**WHEREAS**, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the many efforts and unique contributions of Mr. Cedric Cobb and Best Wardrobe Solutions to the St. Louis Community; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, April 28, 2019 Mr. Cobb will appear on Shark Tank during the Official Shark Tank Watch Party beginning at 7pm in the rotunda of the St. Louis City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Watch Party is planned to be star studded event with guests who span the gamut from community leaders, elected officials, celebrities, business executives and community people; and

**WHEREAS**, the event includes a men's fashion corner, video presentations, awards, red carpet, food and a photo "swag" booth experience aimed in inspiring and uplifting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the event is receiving wide support and acceptance in the St. Louis because of its uniqueness and it answering the needs of the community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Cedric O. Cobb and his staff and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 31  
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month has been celebrated and recognized at the federal level since 1977, being officially signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, which was largely built by Chinese American laborers, a few hundred of whom settled Hop Alley, St. Louis' original Chinatown; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was expanded to vast regions of Asia beyond China, including India, and led to discrimination in the United States in areas including housing, employment, zoning, and land ownership, barring entry for people who wanted to immigrate from Asia; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1965 Immigration and Naturalization Act opened up restrictive quotas and permitted family-based reunification that allowed Asian Pacific Americans to reunify with loved family members, many of whom settled in St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, the earliest Asian Pacific American recorded in St. Louis was Alla Lee in 1857, and hundreds of thousands of immigrants and refugees and their descendants have enriched St. Louis' cultural and economic diversity through the years including Vietnamese refugees starting in the 1970s, who now make up one of the largest ethnic populations in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific Americans have made great contributions to the city of St. Louis in the including the areas of arts, architecture, design, education, engineering, gastronomy, medicine, nonprofits, sports and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific Americans are a deep part of the sociocultural fabric of St. Louis, and have established schools, community centers, places of worship, businesses, and nonprofits that have enriched St. Louisans; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds to bring the general public together on May 6, 2019 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration at City Hall to recognize the deep and lasting history of Asian Pacific Americans and to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in St. Louis including Anna Crosslin, Harold and Helena Law, Lona Luo, Kiku Obata, and Suchin Prapaisilp.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize this May as the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebrated in St. Louis City and confirm that we are grateful to the diverse Asian Pacific American community for sharing their traditions and customs with the residents of St. Louis and their many contributions to the Midwest region. 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019 by:

**Honorable Bret Narayan, 24<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman**

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 32  
HONORING THE FIFTH DISTRICT POLICE AND FIREHOUSE MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this honorable Board of Aldermen of the "WE CARE" awards recognition of the Fifth District Police and Firehouse Members who provided needed and strategic services in the 26<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, the WE CARE award recognizes those who help to strengthen and creatively build the 26th Ward through their commitment to and involvement in the neighborhoods that make up the fabric of the ward; and

**WHEREAS**, the first recipients of the WE CARE awards will be the 5th District Police and Firehouse Members who came to the 26<sup>th</sup> Ward with support and protection during difficult and tenuous times; and

**WHEREAS**, with professionalism and care the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police and Firehouse Members provided services and aid that made a difference during the Gas Mart protest in the summer of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, not only did the police and firefighters protect the 26<sup>th</sup> Ward community from looting but they also prevented looters from setting the gas station on fire which could have had catastrophic results; and

**WHEREAS**, through their professionalism a possible explosive situation was calmed and moved to a peaceful and beneficial resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and commend the WE CARE award recipients and by adoption of this resolution congratulate them on a job well done and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019 by:

**Honorable Shameem Clark- Hubbard, 26<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman**

**RESOLUTION 33  
HONORING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that May is Older Americans Month; and

**WHEREAS**, an upcoming celebration is to be held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 2-4pm held at the St. Luke's Plaza Apartments located at 5602 Enright Ave. in the 26<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, President John F. Kennedy established Older Americans Month in 1963 to bring attention to the growing needs and problems of Americans age 65 and over; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Luke's Plaza community includes a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Pathways will participate in the upcoming events and is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Pathways recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging them in fun and uplifting activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Pathways can enhance the lives of older Americans in our community by promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living; involving older adults in community events and other activities; and providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor others.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize May as Older Americans Month and commend the planners of the various upcoming events and by adoption of this resolution wish to join in the festivities. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019 by:

**Honorable Shameem Clark- Hubbard, 26<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman**

President Reed recognized Ms. Davis.

Ms. Davis moved to approve the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. P. Boyd.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

21. **First Reading of Resolutions**

President Reed directed the Clerk to First Reading of Resolutions. The Clerk First Read the following:

**RESOLUTION 5  
DRESS CODE FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**WHEREAS**, appropriate business attire presents a visual image and sends a message that an individual's approach to carrying out their duties is serious and professional; and

**WHEREAS**, the formality of dress in the workplace is determined by the context and nature of the work performed, as well as the level of interaction with colleagues and the persons they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, it should be evident that the work of the Board of Aldermen and the member's interaction with colleagues and constituents calls for a standard of dress that is formal and professional.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the standards of dress set forth below shall be adopted and incorporated into the rules of the Board of Aldermen and shall be observed by the members of the Board, its staff, others present on the floor for purposes related to the business of the Board of Aldermen when in the Aldermanic Chamber while the Board is meeting:

Rule 99 - Dress In Chambers

At all times when the Board of Aldermen is meeting in the Aldermanic Chamber the proper attire for men shall be business attire, including coat, tie, dress trousers, and dress shoes or boots. Proper attire for women shall be dresses or skirts or slacks worn with a blazer or sweater and appropriate dress shoes or boots. This rule shall apply to all members and staff on the floor of the Chamber and others that are present for purposes related to the business of the Board of Aldermen.

Introduced on this, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, by:

**The Honorable John Collins – Muhammad, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**

President Reed recognized Mr. Muhammad.

Mr. Muhammad asked that Resolution 5 be withdrawn.

President Reed directed the Clerk to withdraw Resolution 5.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6  
OPPOSING UNIFICATION OF  
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
VIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed unification of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County to form a new form of government, now referred to as a "Metropolitan City" via constitutional amendment will disenfranchise and

subvert the authority of the voters in the City and County by submitting a purely local matter to a state-wide vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen promotes the goals of economic development, public safety, and efficient use of tax dollars in local government and believes that such decisions in furtherance of those goals must be made directly by the voters of those localities or through their elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen believe, as did President Thomas Jefferson, that “The government closest to the people serves the people best,” and believes that local government is the foundation of American democracy, designed specifically to be accountable, available, and answerable to the taxpayer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen believe that the right to vote is fundamental to the citizens of our nation, and the right to vote on purely local interests is fundamental to the citizens of those specific localities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen maintain that, when matters pertain solely to the interests of the citizens of a specific local governmental entity, the will of those citizens should not be subjugated to the will of the many who do not necessarily share those specific, common interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen have concerns regarding the proposal to unify the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County into a new form of government, currently referred to as a “Metropolitan City,” through an amendment to the Missouri Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen have concerns that the process currently proposed for such action would entail a state-wide referendum to decide matters concerning only the citizens of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen note that a process currently exists under the Missouri Constitution which allows the voters of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, independently, to approve and effectuate a substantial portion of the changes necessary to complete the merger proposed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen contend that this process outlined in Article VI, Sections 30(a)-30(b) of the Missouri Constitution (more commonly known as the “Board of Freeholders” process which the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis is currently collecting signature petitions for) grants the citizens of these political subdivisions the opportunity to petition the local governments for the changes desired and to approve these changes by a referendum of local voters.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that:

1. The Board of Aldermen hereby oppose unification of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County into a new form of government by means that would not allow the citizens of those political subdivisions to vote on their fate independently first, as it would disenfranchise local voters by submitting a purely local matter to a state-wide referendum; subjugate the will of the voters in those political subdivisions to the will of the many; and raise potential issues under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.
2. The Board of Aldermen recommend that, to the extent possible, any process to unify the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County first be achieved by local petition, proposal, and popular vote through a “Board of Freeholders” process pursuant to Article VI, Sections 30(a)-30(b) of the Missouri Constitution, so that the local voters directly affected by such unification may have their say before being subject to the vote of the entire state.



3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, the St. Louis County Executive, Members of the St. Louis County Council and the Governor of the State of Missouri.

**Introduced on this, the 26th day of April, 2019, by:  
The Honorable John Collins – Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward**

President Reed recognized Mr. Muhammad.

Mr. Muhammad moved to send Resolution 6 to the Public Safety Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Vaccaro.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 9  
CENTRAL WESTEND SOUTHEAST SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX LEVY**

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Central West End Southeast Special Business District was authorized by Ordinance 63780 as amended by Ordinance 64550, and Ordinance 68236; and

WHEREAS, Sections 71.790 to 71.808 RSMo. require that the governing body of any City must adopt a Resolution of Intention to amend a special business district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable Board of Aldermen herewith states its intention to extend for a period of ten years the authority of the Central West End Southeast Special Business District to levy a tax for the tax years of 2019 through 2028, and to increase the levy of such tax to eighty five cents (\$.85) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real property within the district, and to amend and restate the use for which the additional revenue produced by such tax may be put to include cleaning, landscaping and maintenance, security and public safety, purchase and installation of public infrastructure, public transportation, administration, and contingency funds for such categories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Honorable Board of Aldermen hereby directs the Ways & Means Committee to hold a public hearing to consider the continuation and increase of the tax levy established in Ordinance 63780 as amended by Ordinance 64550 and Ordinance 68236 at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2019 in the Leisure Room (#230), City Hall, Tucker and Market Streets.

2. It is the intention of this Board to submit to the qualified voters of the Central West End Southeast Special Business District a proposal to continue the levy of a real estate tax and to increase the amount of such levy to an amount not to exceed eighty-five cents (\$.85) on one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of real property within the district for the tax years of 2019 through 2028, and to amend and restate the use for which the additional revenue produced by such tax may be put to include cleaning, landscaping and maintenance, security and public safety, purchase and installation of public infrastructure, public transportation, administration and contingency fund for such categories

3. All other provisions of Ordinance 63780 as amended to remain in full force and effect.

4. All additional revenue shall be used to carry out any and all of the improvements allowed in Section 71.796, RSMo.

**Introduced on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019 by:**

**Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward**

President Reed recognized Mr. Coatar.

On behalf of the sponsor Mr. Coatar moved to pass Resolution 9.

Seconded by Mr. Vollmer.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**22. Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions**

None

**23. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

None

**24. Announcements – Full Board Meeting – April 26, 2019 10:00am in the Chambers**

**25. Excused Aldermen**

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer on excused Aldermen.

Mr. Vollmer moved to excuse the following Alderwomen/Aldermen: Mr. Bosley, Mr. Moore, Mr. Roddy, Mr. J. Boyd and Mr. Cohn for necessary absence.

Seconded by Ms. P. Boyd.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**26. Adjournment**

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer for the adjournment motion.

Mr. Vollmer moved to adjourn under the rules until Friday, May 10, 2019 – 10am.

Seconded by Ms. P Boyd.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.