

**Preliminary  
Minutes  
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Friday, September 27, 2019  
10am  
City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen Chambers  
Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved by the Board**

**Call to Order**

President Reed called the meeting to order at 10am and directed the Clerk to call the roll.

**1. Roll Call**

The Clerk called the roll and the following Aldermen answered to their names: Tyus, Middlebrook, Bosley, Moore, Ingrassia, Coatar, Rice, Guenther, Vollmer, Martin, Arnowitz, Murphy, Green, Oldenburg, Roddy, Todd, Davis, Spencer, Muhammad, Vaccaro, Narayan, Cohn, S. Hubbard, P. Boyd, Navarro and President Reed. 26 members were present. A quorum was established.

**2. Prayer**

The President Reed recognized Pastor John Watson of the Maple Avenue Temple to lead the Board in the opening prayer. Pastor Watson opened the meeting with prayer asking for guidance for the Board.

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

None

**4. Introduction of Honored Guests**

President Reed asked members for the introduction of any honored guests.

Ms. P. Boyd introduced Ms. Rowena Horak the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Care St. Louis Animal Rescue and Enrichment Center as her special guest. Ms. Horak was in the gallery.

Mr. Coatar introduced Ms. Abby Faust, a St. Louis University student, and Mr. Dave Sweeney as his special guests. Both were in the gallery.

Mr. Moore introduced the Democratic Committeewoman of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward as his special guest, Ms. Dwindlerlin Evans. Ms. Evans was in the Chambers.

Mr. Vollmer mentioned that today is Hug a Vegetarian Day.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Vollmer moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, September 20, 2019 meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Guenther.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**6. Report of City Officials**

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

**President Reed directed the Clerk to the Report of City Officials:**

The Clerk reported the following:

**The following Board Bill(s) from the 2019 - 20 Legislative Session were Third Read and Finally Passed by the Board, signed by President and delivered to the Mayor for their signature pursuant to law. The list below shows the Bill Number, Name of the Sponsor, Bill Title and Date Delivered.**

**Board Bill Number 75**

**Sponsored by Ald. J. Boyd**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service authorizing the 2019 St. Louis Works and the 50/50 Sidewalk Programs City Wide providing for the construction and reconstruction of gutters, streets, driveways, spot curbs, sidewalks, alleys, traffic controls, beautification, tree planting, resurfacing and related engineering adjustments listed herein, appropriating \$5,300,000.00 from the Street Improvement Fund; containing sections for description of the work, approval of plans and specifications, work and material guarantees, estimated costs from City funds and supplemental agreements and reversion authorizations, applicable state and federal wage rate requirements, equal opportunity provisions, the Mayor's Executive Orders, contract advertising statutes, and a public work emergency clause.

**Date Delivered: Friday, September 20, 2019**

**b.) Office of the Mayor**

**I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment/reappointment to the Cherokee Street Community Improvement District: Ronald Strawbridge, Katie Burrus, Dasia Vence, Jason Deem, Jessica Douglass, Kaveh Razani, Mike Glodeck, and William Lieberman.**

President Reed recognized Mr. Guenther.

Mr. Guenther moved to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Cherokee Street Community Improvement District.

Seconded by Mr. Coatar.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**I have submitted to the Board the following individuals for appointment to the Board of Freeholders: Abdul-Kaba Abdullah, Bridget Flood, Lashana Lewis, Taunia Allen Mason, Joseph Hodes, Rev. Earl Nance Jr., Eddie Roth, Jerry Schlichter, and Dan Zdrodowski.**

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer.

Mr. Vollmer moved to assign the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Freeholders to the Ways and Means Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Vaccaro.

After discussion Mr. Vollmer withdrew his motion. Mr. Vaccaro withdrew his second.

Mr. Vollmer asked the President to assign the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Freeholders to any committee he saw fit.

After discussion President Reed recognized Ms. Tyus to make a motion.

Ms. Tyus moved that the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Freeholders be assigned to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Vollmer and Guenther.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**7. Petitions and Communications**

None

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

**Board Bill Number 11**

**Sponsored by Ald. 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.

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

None

**10. Resolutions, Informal Calendar**

None

**11. First Reading of Board Bills**

President Reed recognized Mr. Todd.

Mr. Todd moved that the rules of the Board be suspended in order that he might introduce Board Bill Number 117. Mr. Todd stated that Board Bill Number 117 was everyone's desk.

Seconded by Mr. Bosley.

President Reed asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

President Reed directed the Clerk to call the roll:

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

The following voted Aye:

Tyus, Middlebrook, Bosley, Moore, Ingrassia, Coatar, Rice, Guenther, Vollmer, Arnowitz, Murphy, Green, Oldenburg, Roddy, Todd, Davis, Spencer, Muhammad, Vaccaro, Narayan, Cohn, S. Hubbard, P. Boyd, Navarro and President Reed. A total of 25 Aye votes were cast.

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

**A total of 25 votes were cast. The motion was carried.**

President Reed directed the Clerk to place Board Bill Number 117 at the end of the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

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

**Board Bill Number 113**

**Introduced by Ald. Davis**

An Ordinance approving the petition to establish The 2019 Grand Center Community Improvement District; finding a public purpose therefor, and containing a severability clause and emergency Clause.

**Board Bill Number 114**

**THIS NUMBER WILL NOT BE USED THIS SESSION**

**Board Bill Number 115**

**Introduced Ald. Moore**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in the northern 120 feet of the 15 foot wide north-south alley in City Block 1880 as bounded by Cote Brillante, Grand, Aldine and Spring in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

**Board Bill Number 116**

**Introduced by Ald. Vaccaro**

An ordinance adopted and approved pursuant to § 70.815 RSMo, authorizing the Police Commissioner to make a contract on behalf of the City of St. Louis with St. Louis County allowing St. Louis County to provide police services on MetroLink Property within the city limits of the City of St. Louis, including exercising powers of arrest for criminal offenses and violations of the ordinances of the City of St. Louis the same as possessed by the police officers of the City of St. Louis, and with the same immunity as if acting within St. Louis County, and containing an Emergency Clause

**Board Bill Number 117**

**Introduced by Ald. Jesse Todd**

Pursuant to Ordinance 68937, an ordinance authorizing the honorary street name Pastor Nelson Watts, Sr. and Rosetta Watts Lane, which shall begin at the intersection of East Cook Avenue and Jones Street and run north on Jones Street to the intersection of Jones Street and Page Boulevard.

Mr. Moore asked to be added to Board Bill Number 117 as a co-sponsor.

The President directed the Clerk to make the addition.

The Clerk acknowledged.

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

President Reed directed the Clerk to read Reference to 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:

None

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning:

None

Intergovernmental Affairs:

None

Legislation:

None

Neighborhood Development:

None

Parks and Environmental Matters:

None

Personnel and Administration:

None

Public Employees:

None

Public Safety:

Board Bill Number 116

Public Utilities:

None

Streets, Traffic and Refuse:

Board Bill Numbers 115 and 117

Transportation and Commerce:

None

Ways and Means:

Board Bill Number 113

### **13. Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees**

President Reed directed the Clerk to Second Reading and Report of Standing Committees.

The Clerk read the following:

**From the Transportation and Commerce Committee the following Board Bills were reported out of committee with a “Do Pass” recommendation:**

#### **Board Bill Number 95**

##### **Introduced by Ald. Davis**

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis (the "City"), owner and operator of St. Louis Lambert International Airport® (the “Airport”) to enter into and execute on behalf of the City the First Amendment to Banking Concession Agreement, AL-278 (“First Amendment”) between the City and U. S. Bank National Association (“Concessionaire”), amending the Banking Concession Agreement (“Agreement”); the First Amendment 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.

#### **Board Bill Number 96**

##### **Introduced by Ald. Davis**

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis (the "City"), owner and operator of St. Louis Lambert International Airport® (the “Airport”) to enter into and execute on behalf of the City the Seventh Amended and Restated Food and Beverage Concession Agreement AL-110 (“Agreement”) with Host International, Inc. between the City and Host International, Inc., (“Concessionaire”), granting to Concessionaire, 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 Article II 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.

#### **Board Bill Number 99**

##### **Introduced by Ald. Davis**

An Ordinance recommended and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing and directing the Director of Airports and the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis (the "City"), owner and operator of St. Louis Lambert International Airport® (the “Airport”) to enter into and execute on behalf of the City the Second Amendment to Operating Agreement for Management and Operation of Parking Facility Services AL-267 (“Second Amendment”) between the City and ABM Aviation, Inc., (“Concessionaire”), granting to Concessionaire, 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 Article II 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.

**Board Bill Number 100****Introduced by Ald. Davis**

An ordinance recommended and approved by the Airport Commission and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Comptroller, on behalf of the City of St. Louis (the "City"), the owner and operator of St. Louis Lambert International Airport® (the "Airport"), to accept and execute on behalf of the City a certain Airport Aid Agreement offered by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (the "Grant Agreement") for the marketing and promotion of air service at the Airport for a maximum obligation of Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$515,000) for the reimbursement of direct costs associated with the projects funded under the Grant Agreement; and containing an emergency clause .

**From the Public Safety Committee the following Board Bill was reported out of committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation:**

**Board Bill Number 105****As Amended**

**Introduced by President Reed, Ald. Davis, Ald. Vaccaro, Ald. T. Hubbard, Ald. Middlebrook, Ald. Clark-Hubbard, Ald. P. Boyd, Ald. Narayan, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Guenther, Ald. Cohn, Ald. Oldenburg, Ald. Todd, Ald. Navarro, Ald. Green, Ald. Ingrassia, Ald. Coatar, Ald. J. Boyd, Ald. Moore and Ald. Rice**

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, making a supplemental appropriation to the Annual Budget Ordinance 70963 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 amounting to the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for the purpose of providing funding for the violence prevention alternative program, "Cure Violence," and containing an Emergency Clause.

**From the Streets, Traffic and Refuse Committee the following Board Bills were reported out of committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation:**

**Board Bill Number 86****As Amended****Introduced by Ald. Roddy**

An ordinance pertaining to parking within the "4400 Gibson Avenue Residential Parking District;" establishing the location and restrictions for curb parking in the restricted parking zone within the 4400 Gibson Avenue Residential Parking District (the "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.

**Board Bill Number 91****Introduced by Ald. Vaccaro**

An Ordinance establishing a four-way stop site at the intersection of January Avenue and Tholozan Avenue regulating all traffic traveling northbound and southbound on January Avenue at Tholozan Avenue and regulating all traffic traveling eastbound and westbound on Tholozan Avenue at January Avenue, and containing an emergency clause.

**Board Bill Number 92****Introduced by Vaccaro**

An Ordinance establishing a three-way stop site at the intersection of Tholozan Avenue regulating all traffic traveling northbound Sulphur Avenue at Tholozan Avenue and regulating all traffic traveling

eastbound and westbound on Tholozan Avenue at Sulphur Avenue, and containing an emergency clause.

**14. Report of Special Committees**

None

**15. Perfection Consent Calendar**

None

**16. Board Bills for Perfection**

President Reed recognized Ms. S. Hubbard.

Ms. S. Hubbard moved to suspend the rules in order to place Board Bill Number 105 As Amended on the Perfection Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and Mr. Narayan.

President Reed directed the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll and following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Middlebrook, Bosley, Moore, Ingrassia, Coatar, Rice, Guenther, Vollmer, Martin, Arnowitz, Murphy, Green, Oldenburg, Roddy, Todd, Davis, Spencer, Muhammad, Vaccaro, Narayan, Cohn, S. Hubbard, P. Boyd, Navarro and President Reed. A total of 25 Aye votes were cast.

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

Tyus. 1 voted Present

The following Abstained:

None

**A total of 26 votes were cast. The motion was carried.**

President recognized Ms. S. Hubbard on the Perfection motion.

Ms. S. Hubbard moved for the Perfection of Board Bill Number 105 As Amended.

Seconded by Ms. P. Boyd

President Reed recognized Ms. S. Hubbard to discuss Board Bill Number 105 As Amended.

Ms. S. Hubbard discussed the merits of Board Bill Number 105 As Amended and answered questions from various Board members.

Also speaking on Board Bill Number 105 As Amended were Ms. Tyus, Ms. Spencer, Mr. Vaccaro and Ms. Davis.



Ms. Spencer asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

The President directed the Clerk to add her name.

The Clerk acknowledged.

After the discussion President Reed recognized Ms. S. Hubbard to close.

Ms. S. Hubbard iterated her points, answered various questions raised by Board members and renewed her motion.

President Reed directed the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll and following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye:

Tyus, Middlebrook, Bosley, Moore, Ingrassia, Coatar, Rice, Guenther, Vollmer, Martin, Arnowitz, Murphy, Green, Oldenburg, Roddy, Todd, Davis, Spencer, Muhammad, Vaccaro, Narayan, Cohn, S. Hubbard, P. Boyd, Navarro and President Reed. A total of 26 Aye votes were cast.

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

**A total of 26 votes were cast. The motion was carried.**

**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 143  
HONORING DR. CHARLES AND MRS. SHIRLEY BROWN**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that for the first time, the Lifetime Achiever in Education Award will go to a couple, Dr. Charles and Shirley Brown; and

**WHEREAS**, much of Shirley Brown’s work stems from her formation of desegregation initiatives through the Saint Louis Public Schools’ (SLPS) School Partnership Program, starting in 1981 where she coordinated more than 300 partnerships between the district and community supporters, including Fortune 500 companies, cultural institutions, hospitals, governmental agencies, professional sports teams and the media; and

**WHEREAS**, out of these partnerships, she still helps students build a foundation in the medical field through the ongoing initiatives at the medical schools of Washington University and University of Missouri at Columbia. She is still active with the KSDK Channel 5 partnership as well; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from “Mizzou” in 1965, Shirley Brown was hired as the first African-American teacher at Russell Boulevard Elementary School in Columbia, Missouri and in 1967, she was hired to work in public relations with the New Orleans Saints football club. Returning to St. Louis in 1970, Shirley Brown held various teaching positions before becoming the program coordinator for the SLPS - School Partnership Program in 1981. In her career, she secured in-kind contributions of nearly \$4 million for the school district. She also facilitated math and science programs honored as among the “100 Best Partnerships in America”; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles Brown is among the original New Orleans Saints football players of 1967, where he played for about two years before going on to the British Columbia Lions. He has stated that he sees a lot of similarities between his educational and football careers. After his football career, from 1969-1992, Charles Brown was a teacher, coach and administrator at various SLPS schools. This included Mark Twain Elementary, Central High School and Roosevelt High School. He later became a SLPS Deputy Superintendent of various departments before becoming the assistant state commissioner after which he headed to the Wellston School District; and

**WHEREAS**, together, Charles and Shirley Brown have spent more than 100 years working in education in Missouri, almost entirely in St. Louis; both started their teaching careers at elementary schools in the late 1960’s, and they are still actively involved in educational programs today, though technically “retired.”

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Dr. Charles and Shirley Brown, recipients of the Lifetime Achiever in Education Award, and for their dedication to the youth of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to her at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 27th , day of September, 2019 by:**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 144**  
**THE MELVIN THEATER COMMUNITY CENTER DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Melvin Theater had been a solid part of the community and social life in the Dutchtown and Gravois Park neighborhoods from its opening in 1914 to its closing in the late 1980's; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dutchtown and Gravois Park neighborhoods' potential and value are being recognized by a variety of persons, companies and organizations as evidenced by the upward arc in commercial and residential investment and development along and around the Chippewa corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant percentage of the population of the Dutchtown and Gravois Park neighborhoods is comprised of families with individuals under 18 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, the Melvin Theater building has been rehabbed by Novation Church to function as a neighborhood-based community center; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of The Melvin Theater Community Center is to engage families in the Dutchtown and Gravois Park neighborhoods through a long-term presence, needs-based programming and collaborative partnerships for the purposes of sparking hope, inciting dreams, and motivating self-directed progress into a preferred future.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate The Melvin Theater Community Center and its many contributions to the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to her at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 27th, day of September, 2019 by:  
Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBEER 145  
HONORING HAMPTON SHOE**

**WHEREAS**, Hampton Shoe has proudly served St. Louis City and the surrounding communities for 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton Shoe opened September 5, 1989 at 5435 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63109; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton Shoe invested in the Princeton Heights Neighborhood, purchasing and remodeling the current location at Hampton Avenue in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton Shoe owners, Robert Egan and Tricia Egan, husband and wife, are dedicated to providing exceptional customer service along with high quality American made and union made work boots and shoes; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton Shoe is known for its fine craftsmanship when it comes to shoe repair services. These services provide value to the customer and also to the planet. Thousands of pairs of shoes have been repaired over the years keeping them out of landfills thus helping the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton shoe has vast experience with orthopedic shoe modifications and has improved quality of life for many veterans and other individuals with unique needs regarding mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton Shoe was recognized as Neighborhood Business of the Year in 2018 by Mayor Slay; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton Shoe is committed ti the community and supports local organizations such as Friends of Francis Park, Backstoppers, St. Louis University High, Feed My People, Blues for Kids, Girls on the Run, Pedal for the Cause, Make a Wish and Victory over Violence.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate the Hampton Shoe Company on its many contributions to the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these

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

**Introduced this 27th, day of September, 2019 by:  
Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 146  
HONORING CARMEN DENCE**

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2019, the Hispanic Leaders Group of Greater St. Louis is hosting the sixteenth Anthony B. Ramirez Premio Esperanza, an event to recognize individuals having a record of commitment to the betterment of the Hispanic community over the years through noteworthy contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, this year the 2019 Premio Esperanza Recipient is Carmen Dence, founder and director of Grupo Atlantico, whose mission is to share, teach and perform the folk dances, modern rhythms, legends and the rich cultural heritage of the people of the Atlantic coast of Colombia and other Caribbean regions; and

**WHEREAS**, Carman has been sponsoring STEM scholarships to benefit a Hispanic females in the St. Louis area and has also created artistic and academic scholarships for the benefit of a full-time student member of Grupo Atlantico, and is highly recognized as a cultural mentor to many; she graduated from Universidad del Atlantico with a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Florida State University with a Master of Science in Organic Chemistry, and Purdue University with a Ph.D. in Pharmacology; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen was a member of The Society of Nuclear Medicine, The Society of Radiopharmaceutical Sciences, The International Target and Target Chemistry Group, and The American Chemical Society, The Society of Molecular Imaging, and The International Society of Radiopharmacology; she received the following grants: US State Department- Outstanding Student Travel grant, Florida- Colombia Alliance Scholarship Graduate Studies USA, and Colombo-American Institute-English Instruction Scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen retired in 2016, after 37 years of research, mainly in the field of positron emission tomography radiochemistry at the Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Radiology.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the many achievements of Carmen Dence and acknowledge her accomplishments and contributions to the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to Carmen Dence at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 27th day of September, 2019 by:  
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 147  
HONORING ESSIE HOLLY**

**WHEREAS**, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been made aware of the many life experiences and achievements of Ms. Essie Holly; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Essie Holly was born in Dublin, Georgia on November 25, 1919 to Cora and Dave Cobb. Her life typifies the historic experience of Black people in America. As a child, Ms. Holly worked on a farm where she learned many unique skills such as driving tractors, plows and even sixteen wheelers; and

**WHEREAS**, during her adult life, Ms. Holly enjoyed traveling and living in many different cities, such as Oakland and St. Louis, where she met and married Mr. Elgin Cato Hodge in 1952. Together, they raised two children Bahka and Hatsephi until he passed away in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, later she was married to Nesbie Holly until his passing. Ms. Holly has lived in St. Louis for over 70 years. Where she worked in healthcare before retiring. Essie still maintains a very active schedule including weekly luncheons at Northside Senior Center and serves on the Mother's Board at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. Ms. Essie also enjoys writing poetry, singing and spending time with family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Holly's parents were cooks on the railroad and in those days, that was looked upon as a status position for Black people. But they were on the road so much that Essie and her brother Prentice had to stay with their grandparents in Arkansas. When she was a little girl, she got lost in the woods looking for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. They had to send the hunting dogs to find her; and

**WHEREAS**, there was lots of love in Arkansas with her grandparents. In Arkansas Ms. Holly learned from her aunt, four uncles and big brother. They were known as the Cody Boys plus 2. Basically she was a tom boy, and her favorite pass time was shooting marbles, catching snakes, climbing trees and wrestling. She often recalls the time when she was swinging out on the tree limb and fell into a ditch; and

**WHEREAS**, in school, Essie enjoyed drama and reciting poems at the annual recital. She also loved participating in the "Friday Spelling Bee." It gave her the opportunity to move from the foot of the class to the head of the class by spelling challenging words like "compressibility."; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young, she would pick cotton for her grandfather who was paid fifty cents for every 100 pounds picked. She picked cotton during the week, and on Saturdays she would pick 150 pounds by Noon. She was known to pick up to 405 pounds of cotton in one day; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday afternoons, Essie would do hair, charging .25 cents a head. Then she would take the money she collected from these two jobs, and help buy her school clothes; and

**WHEREAS**, as a girl she liked to play "Little Sally Walker" sitting in a saucer. It was the "hands on the hips to make her backbone slip" part that was the most enjoyable. You know, while shaking it to the east and west. She always could dance as well as she could sing; and

**WHEREAS**, has always been a snappy dresser. She loves quality material and a good design. When she was young, her designer name brand was "OMEGA", which was the label that her aunt bleached out of the Omega flour sack that her dresses were made out of. But when she moved to California, where she lived twelve years and then here to St. Louis, all of her clothes were tailor made just for Essie's taste. I use to stare at my mother all the time, thinking how beautiful she was and still remains to be to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, her wisdom has carried her family far. Her songs have been known to soothe the soul, of her children and to ease them to sleep. Her prayers have kept them from danger and her healing powers have performed miracle. She is truly my precious gift from God. My Mother. Ms. Essie Deborah Cobb; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a Deaconess for several years until her husband Elgin Hodge passed away. She was soloist, a member of the Melody Singers, in addition to singing in the Sanctuary Choirs, Cantata Choir, and Vocal Choir. Her favorite song is "God is Able" by Smokie Norfolk; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, she serves on the mother’s board. There are three things that are her trademarks: Angel perfume, manicured nails, and driving her scooter too fast. She loves her family and her church family. She always says, “If God doesn’t do anything else for me, he has already done enough.”; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the many achievements of Ms. Essie Holly and acknowledge her accomplishments and contributions to the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and 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 27th day of September, 2019 by:  
Honorable Samuel Moore, Aldermen 4th Ward**

President Reed recognized Ms. Davis on the motion to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Ms. Davis moved for the adoption of the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Second by Mr. Cohn.

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**21. First Reading of Resolutions**

None

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

None

**23. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

None

**24. Announcements**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019**

**Public Safety -10:30am – Kennedy Room**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019**

**Housing Committee – 9:00am – Kennedy Room**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019**

**Full Board Meeting – 10:00am - CHAMBERS**

**25. Excused Aldermen**

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer on the excused Aldermen motion.

Mr. Vollmer moved to excuse the following members for necessary absence: T. Hubbard, Howard and J. Boyd.

Seconded by Mr. Coatar.

The motion was 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, October 4, 2019 at 10am.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.