



**Preliminary  
Minutes  
St. Louis Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Friday, April 29, 2022  
10am  
In the Chambers**

**Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved by the Board**

**Call to Order**

President Reed called the meeting to order at 10:00am and directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll.

**1. Roll Call**

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following members answered to their names: Ms. Evans, Mr. Page, Ms. Ingrassia, Mr. Coatar, Ms. Rice, Mr. Guenther, Mr. Vollmer, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Green, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Todd, Ms. Spencer, Mr. Vaccaro, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Cohn, Ms. P. Boyd and President Reed. **18 members were present. A quorum was established.**

**The following member joined the meeting while in progress making a total of 19 members present: Ms. Clark-Hubbard.**

**2. Prayer**

President Reed recognized Minister Hyalnd Stuart to lead the members in prayer.

Minister Stuart led the members in the opening prayer.

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

President Reed announced that the Special Order of the Day will be **Agenda Item Number 21- Second Reading of Resolutions, Committee Reports and Adoptions.**

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to read Agenda Item Number 21.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

**Engrossment, Rules and Credentials Committee Report**

President Reed recognized Mr. Coatar.

Mr. Coatar reported that Engrossment, Rules, Resolutions and Credentials Committee met and reviewed the credentials of Mr. Grass who is the Aldermen -Elect of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ward and that committee determined

that he meets the qualifications to be seated as Alderman of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ward and that the committee approved his credentials with a do pass recommendation.

Mr. Coatar moved that the credentials of Mr. Gras be adopted.

Second by Mr. Cohn.

President Reed called for the vote on the motion to adopt the credentials of Mr. Gras.

**The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.**

President Reed called Mr. Gras to the dais.

Mr. Gras took his place at the dais and was sworn in by Associate Judge Alana Mahias from St. Clair County, Illinois. Judge Mahias is a friend of the Gras family and is the first Hispanic Judge in St. Clair County swearing in the first Hispanic St. Louis Alderman. Mr. Gras was joined by his when he took the oath of office.

After the oath, President Reed called Mr. Vollmer to the dais who gave Mr. Gras a Board of Aldermen lapel pin as a member of the Board. After these proceedings Mr. Gras returned to his seat.

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll.

The Assistant Clerk called the roll and the following members answered to their names: Ms. Evans, Mr. Page, Ms. Ingrassia, Mr. Coatar, Ms. Rice, Mr. Guenther, Mr. Vollmer, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Green, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Todd, Ms. Spencer, Mr. Vaccaro, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Cohn, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. P. Boyd, Mr. Gras and President Reed. **20 members were present. A quorum was established.**

President Reed welcomed Mr. Gras as member of the Board.

#### **4. Introduction of Honored Guests**

President Reed directed the meeting to the introduction of honored guests.

Mr. Gras introduced his various guests for that day that included his, wife, children, parents, Judge Mahias and partner from his job. Mr. Gras also thanked everyone at the Board for welcoming him and being so friendly.

Mr. Vaccaro welcomed as his honored guests for the day Mr. Greg Meyer who was in the balcony.

Mr. Cohn welcomed Mr. Demetrious Alfred form Local 73 and Mr. Dave Sweeney as his honored guests for the day.

Ms. Evans welcomed as her honored guests for the day Mr. Demetrious Alfred, Mr. Kevin Bailey and Ms. Julia Allen.

Mr. Vollmer stated that today is Ms. Tyus' birthday; that today is "National Arbor Day"; and that on this day in 1967 Soul singer Aretha Franklin released her hit song "Respect."

**5. Approval of Minutes**

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer on the motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, April 14, 2022, Monday, April 18, 2022 and Tuesday, April 19, 2022 full Board of Aldermen meetings.

Mr. Vollmer moved to approve the minutes of the Thursday, April 14, 2022, Monday, April 18, 2022 and Tuesday, April 19, 2022 full Board of Aldermen meetings.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

President Reed called for the vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, April 14, 2022, Monday, April 18, 2022 and Tuesday, April 19, 2022 full Board of Aldermen meetings.

**The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**6. Report of City Officials**

President Reed directed the Clerk the Report of City Officials.

The Clerk read the following:

- a) **Report of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen**  
*The following Board Bills from the 2021-2022 Legislative Session were Third Read and Finally Passed by the Board, signed by the President and delivered to the Mayor for their signature pursuant to law. The list below shows the Bill Number, Name of the Sponsor, the Description of the Board Bill and Date Delivered.*

**Board Bill Number 114**

**Introduced by Alderman Joseph Vaccaro**

An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on October 6, 2021, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map, from the "A" Single-Family Dwelling District to the "D" Multiple-Family Dwelling District, in City Block 4758 (3250 Clifton Avenue), so as to include the described parcels of land in City Block 4758; and containing an emergency clause.

**Date Delivered: Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

- b.) **Office of the Mayor**

None

- 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 recognized Mr. Oldenburg for a motion to suspend the rules.

Mr. Oldenburg moved to suspend the rules to introduce and first read Board Bill Number 14.

Seconded by Mr. Vaccaro.

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to call the roll on the motion to suspend the rules to introduce and first read Board Bill Number 14.

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

The following voted Aye:

Ms. Evans, Mr. Page, Ms. Ingrassia, Mr. Coatar, Ms. Rice, Mr. Guenther, Mr. Vollmer, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Schweitzer, Ms. Green, Mr. Oldenburg, Mr. Todd, Ms. Spencer, Mr. Vaccaro, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Cohn, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. P. Boyd, Mr. Gras and President Reed. **A total of 20 Aye votes was cast.**

The following voted No:

None

The following voted Present:

None.

The following Abstained:

None

The following recused themselves:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

**A total of 20 votes were cast. The motion passed.**

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to place Board Bill Number 14 at the end of the First Reading of Board Bills Calendar.

**The Assistant Clerk acknowledged.**

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

The Assistant Clerk read the following into the record.

**Board Bill Number 2**

**Introduced by Alderman James Page**

An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on April 13, 2022, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map, from the “F” Neighborhood Commercial District to the “D” Multiple-Family Dwelling District, in City Block 624 (1404-06 Monroe Street), so as to include the described parcel of land in City Block 624; and containing an emergency clause.

**Board Bill Number 3**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Christine Ingrassia**

An Ordinance authorizing the honorary street name Ollie Stewart Way pursuant to **Ordinance 68937**, which shall begin at the intersection of Park Avenue and Cardinal Avenue and run east on Park Avenue to the intersection of Park Avenue and Montrose Avenue.

**Board Bill Number 4**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Annie Rice**

An ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission approving the name of a new street within an approved resubdivision in the City of St. Louis-- extending between Kingshighway Boulevard on the west to Shaw Boulevard on the east -- to be named Shaw Avenue. The extension was created during the Kingshighway Bridge Improvement Project.

**Board Bill Number 5**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**

An ordinance repealing **Ordinance 69864**, and prohibiting the issuance of any package or drink liquor licenses for any currently non-licensed premises within the boundaries of the Twenty-Seventy Ward Liquor Control District, as established herein, for a period of three years from the effective date hereof; containing exceptions allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under certain circumstances, the issuance of a license to persons operating a restaurant at a previously non-licensed premises, and the issuance of a license to a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization at a previously non-licensed premises; and containing an emergency clause.

**Board Bill Number 6**

**Introduced by Alderman John Collins-Muhammad**

An ordinance repealing Section 2 of **Ordinance 59513** relating to the Board of Aldermen’s officers and employees and their removal, and replacing it with a new Section 2 regarding the same; and repealing **Sections 3.06.100 and 3.06.120 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis.**

### **Board Bill Number 7**

#### **Introduced by Alderman Jesse Todd**

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Streets to permanently close, barricade or otherwise impede the flow of traffic on the 4000 block of West Belle Place by blocking said traffic flow at the east curb line of North Sarah Street at the intersection of West Belle Place and North Sarah Street.

### **Board Bill Number 8**

#### **Introduced by Alderman Jesse Todd**

An Ordinance establishing a two-way stop site at the intersection of Academy Avenue and Raymond Avenue regulating all traffic traveling northbound and southbound on Academy Avenue at Raymond Avenue; and containing an emergency clause.

### **Board Bill Number 9**

#### **Introduced by Alderman Jesse Todd**

Pursuant to **Ordinance Number 70333** as amended by **Ordinance Number 71394**, an ordinance directing the Director of Streets to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic on the: 700 Block of Aubert Ave, 5100 block of Cabanne Ave, 3730 block of Cook Ave, 4100 block of CD Banks Ave, 4400 block of Enright Ave, 3700 block of Finney Ave. 3800 block of Finney Ave, the 5000 block of Minerva Ave, 5000 block of Ridge Ave, 4300 block of Washington Ave, 5000 block of Vernon Ave, and 5100 block of Vernon Ave.

### **Board Bill Number 10**

#### **Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer**

An ordinance establishing the Holly Hills Special Business District pursuant to Sections 71.790 through 71.808 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and setting its boundaries, tax rate, initial rate of levy subject to the approval of the qualified voters and uses to which tax revenue may be put; creating a board of commissioners; and containing severability, effectiveness, and emergency clauses.

### **Board Bill Number 11**

#### **Introduced by Alderwoman Christine Ingrassia**

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the Department of Health to accept a Local Public Health Disparities Initiative (“LPH Disparities Initiative”) grant award of up to \$1,326,325.00 from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, for the grant purposes of providing funding assistance with local efforts of reducing COVID-19 related health disparities; authorizing the expenditure of LPH Disparities Initiative grant funds for grant purposes, and to fulfill the obligations of said grant; and containing an emergency clause.

### **Board Bill Number 12**

#### **Introduced by President Lewis Reed**

An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizing the Mayor, or her designees, to apply for and accept funds pursuant to Federal appropriations under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, § 9901 (March 11, 2021) (ARPA), directing the Comptroller to establish a new account for the receipt of funds to the extent received, appropriating certain expenditures of such funds to the extent received; authorizing contracts and intergovernmental agreements and to expend the funds, to the extent received; containing a severability clause; and containing an emergency clause.

**Board Bill Number 13**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd**

Pursuant to **Ordinance Number 70333** as amended by **Ordinance Number 71394**, an ordinance directing the Director of Streets to install speed humps to calm the flow of traffic on the: 5300 block of Arlington Avenue between the intersections of Arlington Avenue and Thekla Avenue and Arlington Avenue and Harney Avenue and , on the 4700 block of Beacon Avenue between the intersections of Beacon Avenue and Prange Avenue and Beacon Avenue and Bircher Avenue, on the 4700 block of Genevieve Avenue between the intersections of Genevieve Avenue and Prange Avenue and Genevieve Avenue and Bircher Avenue.

**Board Bill Number 14**

**Introduced by Alderman Thomas Oldenburg**

An ordinance prohibiting tents or similar shelters regardless of the materials in their construction or whether temporary or permanent, within public rights or way or in a manner that would impede the use or maintenance or a public right of way; and containing a definition of “public right of way.”

**12. Reference to Committee of Board Bills**

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to read Reference to Committee.

The Assistant 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 Number 11.**

Housing, Urban Development and Zoning:

**Board Bill Numbers 2 and 12.**

Intergovernmental Affairs:

None

Legislation:

None

Neighborhood Development:

None

Parks and Environmental Matters:

None

Personnel and Administration:

**Board Bill Number 6.**

Public Employees:

None

Public Safety:

**Board Numbers 5 and 14.**

Public Utilities:

None

Streets, Traffic and Refuse:

**Board Bill Numbers 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 13.**

Transportation and Commerce:

None

Ways and Means:

**Board Bill Number 10.**

**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. Courtesy Resolutions Consent Calendar**

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 5**  
**HONORING THE URBAN LEAGUE OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS, INC. WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER (WBC)**

**WHEREAS**, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. Women’s Business Center (WBC), formerly Grace Hill Women’s Business Center was founded in 1999 as an economic development initiative within Grace Hill Settlement House; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration and is dedicated to providing micro-business development for aspiring entrepreneurs, with a primary focus on minority women in the community. Partnering with other institutions and community organizations, the Center is able to offer a variety of programs and services to further individuals’ aims of entrepreneurship; and

**WHEREAS**, the WBC offers comprehensive services to support all stages of entrepreneurship, 1:1 business counseling, where new business owners can vet their ideas, and seminars/speaker series; and

**WHEREAS**, the WBC’s parent organization, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., works in partnership with neighbors and stakeholders to identify the social and economic challenges in North and South St. Louis, and establish families and communities that are strong and self-sustaining; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban League serves more than 100,000 clients each year in St. Louis and the Metro East through a multitude of services including Head Start/Early Head Start, workforce development, housing assistance, utility assistance, and employment services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Women’s Business Center is central to the Urban League’s mission, which is to develop the skills of residents, and to create opportunities for their personal advancement and for the economic well-being of their 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 the many accomplishments and contributions of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. Women’s Business Center (WBC). 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:**  
**Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6**  
**HONORING JOANIE THOMAS SPURGEON**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that after more than four decades in the restaurant business, Joanie Thomas Spurgeon officially hung up her apron and retired in March of this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan Marie Thomas was born on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1961, to Charles and Margaret Thomas, she was the youngest of four siblings: Patti, Tommy, and Michael; Joanie grew up in south St. Louis where she attended St.

Agnes grade school and St. Anthony's High School; at age 15 she began working at Buck Or Two Steakhouse--beginning her long career in the restaurant industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanie took courses at Forest Park community college for Chef's Apprenticeship and Restaurant Business and Management Program; after opening her restaurant years later she was invited back to Forest Park where she gave talks to students aspiring to go into the restaurant business; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to opening her own restaurant, Joanie and her sister Patti worked at the newly opened and now famous Broadway Oyster Bar; she then went on to manage the 1860's Saloon--it was there Joanie knew she wanted to open her own restaurant in the Soulard neighborhood that she had grown to love; and

**WHEREAS**, in early February, 1994, 2 weeks before the annual Mardi Gras festivities kicked off, Joanie's Pizzeria officially opened at 2101 Menard Street in the heart of Soulard; almost instantly the restaurant became a hub for neighbors, family, friends and customers to meet and enjoy good food and live music; it would soon become a destination for numerous birthday parties, baby showers, rehearsal dinners, reunions, and happy hours---strangers became lifelong friends at Joanies Pizzeria; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanie met the love of her life, Doug Spurgeon, who was sitting on a barstool at the pizzeria when she first saw him; they were wed on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, on a beautiful fall evening at Soulard Park surrounded by family, friends, business partners, neighbors and employees; the evening was beautiful the long-awaited wedding was epic; and

**WHEREAS**, as the restaurant continued to thrive--so did the number of carry-out orders, Joanie's response: open a place down the street, for carry out and delivery only, increase catering menu and call it Joanies To Go; she did and it is still thriving today; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanie spent a lot of time volunteering nearby at St. Vincent De Paul Church with her beloved aunt and uncle, Joan and Bob Soaib; whether it was their influence or another force, Joanie has always been a model for the saying "It's better to give than to receive"; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years Joanie donated thousands of gift certificates to anyone who asked for her support, she hosted many events, large and small, from the notorious Spaghetti Wrestling Contests to an evening at the restaurant to raise money to help out an employee; Joanie's employees were her extended family and she cared for them as a mother cares for a child --teaching, sometimes scolding, but always loving and supporting them in any way she could to make a positive difference in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanie resides in and loves her Soulard neighborhood; she was a founding member of the Soulard Business Association and Soulard Safety Committee, she has sat on and advised various neighborhood committees; Joanie and Joanie's Pizzeria will forever be in the hearts and memories of all those who live, work, and play in Soulard.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank, congratulate, and wish good luck to Joanie Thomas Spurgeon for her incredible generosity and contributions to our City and we wish her peace and happiness in her retirement. 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 7**  
**HONORING PASTOR RALPH F. PETTY**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ralph F. Petty is commemorating his 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary as Pastor of the City of Refuge Christina Church; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 2022, his church family, friends and congregations from all over plan to proudly come together to help celebrate the services and sacrifices of this outstanding servant. They gather to celebrate his years love, prayers and steadfast leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, under the direction of the Holy Spirit and approval from his spiritual covering, Apostle Julia Wade, he was installed at the founding Pastor of City of Refuge Christian Church in 2000, and throughout this time, he has fervently embraced the vision that was given to him; and

**WHEREAS**, he continues to provide strong leadership needed to help improve and enrich the City of Refuge church family, helping them to advance and grow to progressive heights. Under his guidance, the church body was blessed to move into a new church home; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ralph Petty firmly believes that the church must be a “Church on the MOVE,” and serve the community through prayer, faith and unwavering love; and

**WHEREAS**, this dynamic and humble man has demonstrated excellence in his calling as a “Man of God” the members of the City of Refuge Christian Church body extend to him and his beautiful family, their sincerest love and appreciation; and

**WHEREAS**, his congregation members are all proud to call him their “Pastor, Leader and Friend”; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank, congratulate, and wish good luck to Pastor Ralph Petty for his 22 years of faithful service to his congregation and all 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 him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 8**  
**HONORING LISA GROZDANIC**

**WHEREAS**, the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, it is befitting that we honor Lisa Grozdanic, and express our pride and appreciation to her for her personal achievements, numerous community contributions and commitments to the City of Saint Louis and commend her as a member of the Muslim communities in the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area for the lasting positive impact she has made and continue to make; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area has one of the highest concentrations of Muslims in the nation, and is enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Saint Louis takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those Americans who practice Islam; and

**WHEREAS**, The history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with African slaves who brought their Muslim beliefs with them to the Americas and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and there are today millions of Muslim Americans, both immigrant and native-born, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslim small business owners, community organizers, and religious organizations have enriched the Saint Louis Community and has contributed towards dispelling stereotypes, misunderstanding and misconceptions towards Islam and Muslims bringing people together to live with a better understanding and living in peace and harmony; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year, is a time of introspection and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims are to

- Fast, from sunrise to sundown;
- Keep up prayer;
- Recite the entirety of the Holy Al-Quran;
- Intensify efforts in the remembrance of Allah; and
- Perform charity, etc.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Lisa Grozdanic and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and direct the clerk to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 9**  
**HONORING NEVEEN AYESH**

**WHEREAS**, the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, it is befitting that we honor Neveen Ayesh and express our pride and appreciation to her for her personal achievements, numerous community contributions and commitments to the City of Saint Louis and commend her as a member of the Muslim

communities in the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area for the lasting positive impact she has made, and continue to make; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area has one of the highest concentrations of Muslims in the nation, and is enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Saint Louis takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those Americans who practice Islam; and

**WHEREAS**, The history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with African slaves who brought their Muslim beliefs with them to the Americas and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and there are today millions of Muslim Americans, both immigrant and native-born, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslim small business owners, community organizers, and religious organizations have enriched the Saint Louis Community and has contributed towards dispelling stereotypes, misunderstanding and misconceptions towards Islam and Muslims bringing people together to live with a better understanding and living in peace and harmony; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year, is a time of introspection and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims are to:

- Fast, from sunrise to sundown;
- Keep up prayer;
- Recite the entirety of the Holy Al-Quran;
- Intensify efforts in the remembrance of Allah; and
- Perform charity, etc.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Neveen Ayesh and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and direct the clerk to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:**

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 10  
HONORING MAJED “MIKE” ABUSAID**

**WHEREAS**, the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, it is befitting that we honor Majed “Mike” Abusaid and express our pride and appreciation to her for her personal achievements, numerous community contributions and commitments to the City of Saint Louis and commend her as a member of the Muslim communities in the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area for the lasting positive impact she has made, and continue to make; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area has one of the highest concentrations of Muslims in the nation, and is enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Saint Louis takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those Americans who practice Islam; and

**WHEREAS**, The history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with African slaves who brought their Muslim beliefs with them to the Americas and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and there are today millions of Muslim Americans, both immigrant and native-born, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslim small business owners, community organizers, and religious organizations have enriched the Saint Louis Community and has contributed towards dispelling stereotypes, misunderstanding and misconceptions towards Islam and Muslims bringing people together to live with a better understanding and living in peace and harmony; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year, is a time of introspection and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims are to:

- Fast, from sunrise to sundown;
- Keep up prayer;
- Recite the entirety of the Holy Al-Quran;
- Intensify efforts in the remembrance of Allah; and
- Perform charity, etc.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Majed “Mike” Abusaid and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and direct the clerk to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:  
The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 11  
HONORING CAPTAIN ALLEN MUHAMMAD**

**WHEREAS**, the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, it is befitting that we honor Captain Allen Muhammad and express our pride and appreciation to her for her personal achievements, numerous community contributions and commitments to the City of Saint Louis and commend her as a member of the Muslim communities in the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area for the lasting positive impact she has made, and continue to make; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area has one of the highest concentrations of Muslims in the nation, and is enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Saint Louis takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those Americans who practice Islam; and

**WHEREAS**, The history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with African slaves who brought their Muslim beliefs with them to the Americas and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and there are today millions of Muslim Americans, both immigrant and native-born, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslim small business owners, community organizers, and religious organizations have enriched the Saint Louis Community and has contributed towards dispelling stereotypes, misunderstanding and misconceptions towards Islam and Muslims bringing people together to live with a better understanding and living in peace and harmony; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year, is a time of introspection and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims are to:

- Fast, from sunrise to sundown;
- Keep up prayer;
- Recite the entirety of the Holy Al-Quran;
- Intensify efforts in the remembrance of Allah; and
- Perform charity, etc.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Captain Allen Muhammad and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and direct the clerk to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12**  
**HONORING JOHN POZZO**

**WHEREAS**, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis have been apprised of the history, accomplishments, contributions and the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mr. John Pozzo; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Pozzo was born 100 years ago on May 7, 1922 and has lived his entire life in the City of St. Louis after growing up on The Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, during WW II he proudly served his country for three and one-half years after enlisting in the Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Navy he was a Ship Fitter First Class aboard the USS Duxbury Bay and the USS Monongahela. He helped deliver oil to ships going into combat. The biggest battle he was involved in was the Battle of Guadalcanal; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Pozzo has built smaller replicas of WW II ships by hand, down to every little detail. The first one was of one of the ships he served on during the war and was built while he was in the service; and

**WHEREAS**, he also compiled an orange colored journal documenting his experiences and those he served with during the war. He did this to preserve the memory and sacrifice of all those who served, especially the fallen veterans from The Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Pozzo is a remarkable person and a distinguished representative of the St. Louis community. John is dearly loved by his family and friends. Their support during the war greatly contrasted the cruelty and difficulty of wartime; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a very humble and caring man, leading by example in the way we all should live. Anyone who has ever met Mr. Pozzo is a better person for knowing him and are greatly appreciative and feel blessed for the 100 years of his life.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank, congratulate and recognize the contributions of Mr. John Pozzo and wish him a very, very happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. 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 him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:  
The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13  
HONORING VICTOR DORAL PEOPLES**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that after thirty-five years of dedicated service to the City of St. Louis in Facilities Management, Victor Doral Peoples retired on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor Peoples is a lifelong city resident and a proud graduate of Vashon High School; he attended Harris Stowe College where he received his Special Education certificate in 1978 and later went on to Vatterott College where he earned his Certified Nurses Aid degree; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his career with the City, Victor worked as a Certified Nurses Aid at local care facilities; in 1986, Victor accepted a job as Custodian at Kiel Auditorium and within 2 years Victor had moved to a full time position with the Board of Public Service Facilities Management Division for the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor Doral Peoples took pride in his job and continued to work his way up the ranks and in September of 2002 he was promoted to Housekeeping Supervisor II, where he would finish his career with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his distinguished career, Victor Peoples was a model employee who came to work every day, treated others with respect, found solutions for whatever problem came his way, and never refused to do a job—no matter how big or how small; Victor was the “go-to” guy at city hall for every department who needed his assistance—he always responded and he never let anyone down; and

**WHEREAS**, we are pleased to honor Victor Doral Peoples for his years of service to our city and his commitment to professionalism that earned him the respect and admiration of his supervisors and co-workers;



his retirement is well-deserved and the we are certain the next chapter for Victor will include, more time with family, Cardinal baseball games, and enjoying life to the fullest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to say thank you and good luck to Victor Peoples after thirty-five years of commitment and dedication to the City of St. Louis and we wish him peace and happiness in his retirement. 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 him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14**  
**HONORING THE HONORABLE ROBERT G. DOWD, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the meritorious deeds of the Honorable Robert G. Dowd, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Robert G. Dowd, Jr., of St. Louis, Missouri, retired from his position as Chief Judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, on December 31, 2020, following forty-one years of service to the bench, making him the longest serving active judge in Missouri history at the time of his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Dowd was elected as a Magistrate Judge for the City of St. Louis in 1978; was retained as an Associate Circuit Judge in 1982; was appointed by Governor John Ashcroft as a Circuit Judge for the City of St. Louis in 1985 and served in that position until his appointment by Governor Mel Carnahan to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan in 1994, where he served until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, Judge Dowd has also enjoyed recognition by being a valuable member of the Missouri Bar Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Lawyers Association of St. Louis; chairing the Judicial Education Committee from 1994-2000 and the Judicial Finance Commission from 1994-2003; and

**WHEREAS**, he served on the Appellate Reapportionment Commission in 2011 and as Coordinator of the Saint Louis University School of Law Joseph J. Simeone Intern Fellowship at the Court of Appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the holder of a Bachelor's degree from Quincy College in Quincy, Massachusetts, and a Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, Judge Dowd worked in private law practice at the Dowd & Dowd Law Firm, founded by his uncle and father, prior to assuming his judicial responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Dowd has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Denise Dowd; three children and their spouses, Matthew Dowd, Patrick and Stacey Dowd, and Molly and Nick Budd; and three grandchildren, Sam, Alice, and Lydia.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate the Honorable Robert G. Dowd, Jr. on his many contributions and accomplishments rendered to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. 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 him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:  
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 15  
HONORING DR. DJIBRIL DIALLO**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that Dr. Djibril Diallo, president and CEO of the African Renaissance and Diaspora Network (ARDN), has been named the commencement speaker for Webster University’s 103rd Commencement to be held May 13-14, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, a citizen of Senegal, Diallo holds a Ph.D in Linguistics, Education and Communications from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, as well as certificates from University of Nottingham and a degree in modern languages and education from University of Dakar, Senegal; and

**WHEREAS**, during the commencement weekend, Webster University will award him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Diallo has a distinguished career in international relations, diplomacy and human development, particularly in advocacy for issues affecting the African continent and victims of the AIDS epidemic. He has served a variety of leading international nongovernmental organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, before assuming leadership of ARDN in 2018, he served as the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS’ regional director for Western and Central Africa, as director of the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, as director of communications for United Nations Development Program and as special adviser to the executive director of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, as chief executive of ARDN, Diallo leads the organization’s “Pathway to Solutions” initiative, which aims to popularize the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals and to increase public understanding of the role and functions of the UN; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis, Senegal is a Sister City to the City of St. Louis, Missouri sharing many similarities and cultural connections; and

**WHEREAS**, Webster University and ARDN first signed an MOU in 2017 which launched a partnership that strengthens intergenerational leadership among women and youth across the diaspora to achieve a just and sustainable world for all. In 2020, ARDN and Webster University together advanced ARDN’s Red Card Campaign with a focus on SDG #5, gender equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Diallo has spent his career encouraging young people, advocating for international human rights, and building partnerships and networks that focus on the need for all of us to engage the world's most critical issues and challenges.

**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. Djibril Diallo for his many achievements to the betterment of humanity and commend Webster University for having him as their 103<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Speaker. 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 him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 16**  
**RECOGNIZING APRIL 24-30 AS INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, According to the CDC, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy;  
and

**WHEREAS**, The World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Infertility affects all people regardless of gender identity equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQIA community and unpartnered people who are seeking to become pregnant also face challenges when building their families; and

**WHEREAS**, All people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and

**WHEREAS**, Family building options include adoption and medical treatment, including Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

**WHEREAS**, Cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in our City to access the family building option they need; and

**WHEREAS**, Raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community by participating in this promotion; and

**WHEREAS**, only 19 states have passed fertility insurance coverage laws, and only 13 of those laws include IVF coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri does not currently require fertility insurance coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis is adding fertility coverage to employee insurance benefits in 2022; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize April 24-30<sup>th</sup> as National Infertility Awareness Week.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we call on employers in the City of St. Louis to follow the lead of St. Louis City Government and add fertility coverage as an employee healthcare benefit so that all people who wish to grow their family have access to the resources and tools that they need to do so.

**Introduced on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, by:**

**The Honorable Megan Ellyia Green, Alderwoman 15<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderwoman 12<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8<sup>th</sup> Ward**

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

President Reed recognized Mr. Coatar for the motion to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Mr. Coatar moved to adopt the Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.

Seconded by Ms. Rice.

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

**The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**20. First Reading of Resolutions**

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to the First Reading of Resolutions.

The Assistant Clerk read the following.

**RESOLUTON NUMBER 17  
RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ESTABLISH THE  
HOLLY HILLS SPECIAL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Board of Aldermen has received petitions from owners of real property on which is paid ad valorem real property taxes in the proposed special business district to be known as the Holly Hills Special District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Holly Hills Special Business District shall be formed in that portion of the City of St. Louis within the maximum commonly known boundaries described in the Ordinance to establish the Holly Hills Business District: Beginning at the intersection of the center line of Grand Boulevard and Bates Street; then southward along the center line of Grand Boulevard to its intersection with the center line of Loughborough Avenue; then westward along the centerline of Loughborough Avenue to its intersection with the center line of Morganford Road; then northward along the centerline of Morganford Road to Bates Street.; and

**WHEREAS**, Sections 71.790 to 71.808 RSMo require that the governing body of the City must adopt a Resolution of Intention to establish a special business district prior to such establishment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honorable Board of Aldermen herewith states its intention to establish a special business district under the provisions of Sections 71.790-71.808 RSMo to be known as Holly Hills Special Business District, or such other name that it deems appropriate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** that this Honorable Board of Aldermen hereby directs the Ways and Means Committee to hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of the proposed Holly Hills Special Business District, on May 11, 2022, at 1:00 pm. via Webinar.

**Introduced this 29th day of April 2022 by:  
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman, 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**

President Reed recognized Ms. Schweitzer on the motion to adopt Resolution Number 17.

Ms. Schweitzer moved to send Resolution Number 17 to the Ways and Means Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Rice.

President Reed called for the vote to send Resolution Number 17 to the Ways and Means Committee.

**The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.**

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

None

**22. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

None

**23. Announcements**

President Reed directed the Assistant Clerk to Announcements.

The Assistant Clerk read the following:

***MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022***

***NONE***

**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD – 10:00 A.M. – WEBINAR**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022**  
**NONE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022**  
**NONE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022**  
**FULL BOARD MEETING – 10:00 A.M. - CHAMBERS**

Mr. Vaccaro announced that there will be a Public Safety Committee meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2022 to hear Board Bill Numbers 5 and 14 and possibly to have a discussion the Police Commissioner Hayden, Public Safety Director Dr. Isom and Fire Chief Jenkerson.

**24. Excused Aldermen**

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer on motion to excuse.

Mr. Vollmer moved to excuse Ms. Tyus, Ms. Middlebrook, Mr. Bosley, Ms. Howard, Ms. Pihl, Ms. Davis, Mr. Collins-Muhammad and Mr. J. Boyd for necessary absence.

Seconded by Ms. Evans.

President Reed called for the vote on the motion to excuse to excuse Ms. Tyus, Ms. Middlebrook, Mr. Bosley, Ms. Howard, Ms. Pihl, Ms. Davis, Mr. Collins-Muhammad and Mr. J. Boyd for necessary absence.

**The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**25. Adjournment**

President Reed recognized Mr. Vollmer on the adjournment motion.

Mr. Vollmer moved to adjourn the meeting, under the rules, until Friday, May 6, 2022 at 10am in the Chambers.

Seconded by Mr. Gras.

President Reed called for the vote on the motion to adjourn until Friday, May 6, 2022 at 10am in the Chambers.

**The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:47am.**