

City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen Chambers May 8, 2015.

The roll was called and the following Aldermen answered to their names: Tyus, Bosley, Moore, Ingrassia, Coatar, Conway, Ortmann, Vollmer, Villa, Arnowitz, Murphy, Howard, Green, Baringer, Roddy, Kennedy, Davis, Spencer, French, Boyd, Vaccaro, Ogilvie, Cohn, Carter, Williamson, Krewson and President Reed. 27

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY  
SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

None.

INTRODUCTION OF  
HONORED GUESTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the minutes for April 21, 2015.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Report of the Clerk  
of the Board of Aldermen

None.

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May 63, 2015

Honorable Board of Aldermen

Room 230 City Hall

St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Dear Board Members:

I have the honor to return to you herewith, with my approval endorsed thereon, Board Bill No. 208 (Committee Substitute).

Sincerely,

FRANCIS G. SLAY

Mayor

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BOARD BILLS FOR PERFECTION

- INFORMAL CALENDAR

None.

BOARD BILLS FOR

THIRD READING

- INFORMAL CALENDAR

None.

## RESOLUTIONS

### - INFORMAL CALENDAR

None.

## FIRST READING

### OF BOARD BILLS

Board Member French introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 47

An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on April 1, 2015, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map, from "A" Single-Family Dwelling District to the "F" Neighborhood Commercial District, in City Block 4403.25 (4433 Marcus Avenue), so as to include the described parcels of land in City Block 4403.25; and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Bosley introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 48

An ordinance recommended by the Parking Commission making appropriation for payment of the operating expenses, capital equipment and improvement expenses, including lease purchase agreements involving Parking Division assets, and debt service expenses of the Parking Division of the Treasurer's Office, Kiel & City Hall Parking Facilities, Office of Financial Empowerment, Argyle Parking Facility, Chouteau Building & Parking Facility, Williams Paper Parking Facility, Central Downtown Parking Facility, Buckingham Parking Facility, Cupples Parking Facility and Justice Parking Facility for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Seventeen Million, Five Hundred Thirty Thousand, Eighty Four Dollars (\$17,530,084) and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Vaccaro introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 49

An ordinance pertaining to the definition of "lowest responsible bidder" as cited under Section 4 of Article XXII of the City Charter and bidding and containing a severability clause.

Board Member Arnowitz introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 50

An ordinance establishing stop site for all eastbound and westbound traffic traveling on Loughborough Avenue at Field Avenue causing it to be a three way stop intersection and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Baringer introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 51

An ordinance related to St. Louis City Ordinance 66868, allocating the revenue the City of St. Louis collects by enforcing the Automated Traffic Control System authorized by Ordinance 66868 to the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund, to be used for hiring and retaining police officers, investing in programs to reduce crime, and training police officers in community policing, customer service, bias recognition, mental health, and policing a diverse city; and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Baringer introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 52

An ordinance providing for and directing the submission to the qualified electors of the City of St. Louis a proposal to increase the motor vehicle license tax rates to provide revenue for

the City of St. Louis to fund the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund, as established by Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, the purpose of which fund is to pay for hiring and retaining police officers, investing in programs to prevent and reduce crime, and training officers in community policing, customer service, bias recognition, mental health and policing a diverse city; and to amend ordinance #59754 adopted pursuant to Section 301.340 RSMo. and codified in Title 17 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis; amending the provisions of Section Four of said ordinance, as and replacing said Section Four to read as contained herein, and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Baringer introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 53

An ordinance relating to the license tax on the operation of public garages, imposed pursuant to SECTION FOUR of Ordinance 48891; repealing, subject to the approval of the qualified voters, SECTION FOUR of Ordinance 48891, approved June 11, 1958, as codified in Section 8.76.040 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, and enacting in lieu thereof a new SECTION FOUR imposing an increased license tax on the gross receipts of public garages, as defined in SECTION ONE of Ordinance 48891; directing that the revenue generated pursuant to the increase in the license tax on the operation of public garages be deposited in the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund; repealing, subject to the approval of the qualified voters, Section 157.045 of SECTION ONE of Ordinance 56778, approved June 27, 1974, as codified in Section 8.76.050 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis; submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposition to approve the increase in the license tax on the operation of public garages; providing for an election and the manner of voting thereat; providing that if such question shall receive the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon that such tax as set forth within such proposition shall be authorized and adopted and become part of the laws of the City of St. Louis from the date of said election; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Board Member Baringer introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 54

An ordinance establishing the Crime Reduction and Professional Policing Fund and containing an emergency clause.

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE  
OF BOARD BILLS

Convention and Tourism

None.

Engrossment, Rules and Resolutions

None.

Health and Human Services

None.

Housing, Urban Development & Zoning

Board Bill No. 47.

Intergovernmental Affairs

None.

Legislation

None.

Neighborhood Development

None.

Parks and Environmental Matters

None.

Personnel and Administration

None.

Public Employees

None.

Public Safety

Board Bills No. 51, 52, 53 and 54.

Public Utilities

None.

Streets, Traffic and Refuse

Board Bills No. 48 and 50.

Transportation and Commerce

None.

Ways and Means

Board Bill No. 49.

SECOND READING AND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

REPORT OF

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

PERFECTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

BOARD BILLS FOR PERFECTION

None.

THIRD READING

CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

THIRD READING, REPORT OF

THE ENGROSSMENT COMMITTEE

AND FINAL PASSAGE

OF BOARD BILLS

None.

REPORT OF THE

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

None.

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS CONSENT CALENDAR

President Reed introduced Resolutions No. 9 through 12 and 14 through 15 and the Clerk was instructed to read same.

Resolution No. 9

Falun Dafa

WHEREAS, May 13, 2015 marks the 16th "World Falun Dafa Day" and the 23rd anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa to the public; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong), is a traditional Chinese self-cultivation practice based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance;

and

WHEREAS, since 1999, in the face of the Chinese communist regime's "eradication" and persecution, Falun Dafa practitioners- from inside and outside of China- have been preserving in their belief in Truthfulness & Compassion and responded with peaceful resistance, and in doing so have provided a source of strength to people who pursue freedom and aspire to improve the future of China; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa attracts millions of people of all ages and backgrounds and is practiced in over 100 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of free and democratic nations to condemn the act of crimes against humanity and shameless regard for human rights; it is further our responsibility as human beings to raise the awareness necessary to stop these horrific crimes against our fellow human beings no matter the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Falun Dafa practitioners of Orange County have dedicated countless hours in producing world-class performances of classical Chinese dance and music to share the precious heritage of a 5,000 year old civilization with the world; members have organized free cultural events, meditation workshops and classes in local community centers, senior centers, parks, fairs, and health expos; and

WHEREAS, thousands of honors and awards bear witness to the remarkable accomplishments of Mr. Li Hongzhi, the esteemed founder of Falun Dafa, and attests to the high regard in which he is held by numerous United States officials and representatives of international communities.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud and recognize Mr. Li Hongzhi and the practitioners of Falun Dafa here and all over the world for their many accomplishments on its 23rd Anniversary. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on May 8th, 2015 by:

Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen

Resolution No. 10

Delta Day at St. Louis City Hall

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two visionary woman at Howard University; and

WHEREAS, since that day for over 100 years Delta members have been actively involved in almost every major social movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the first public act performed by the Delta founders involved their participation in the historic Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C. during March of 1913; and

WHEREAS, originally chartered as Lambda Sigma, the Saint Louis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta has been committed to public service for over 90 years; and

WHEREAS, every Delta uses her influence for the enactment of laws to protect the unfortunate and for the repeal of those laws which deprive human beings of their privileges and rights; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta is increasingly involved in important issues at the local, state and federal levels in global issues, and recently received special consultative status with the

United Nations; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 8, 2015, Deltas from throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area will gather to celebrate the annual "Delta Day at St. Louis City Hall."

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 honor the members of the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and we thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the citizens of this community and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

introduced on the 8th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen

Resolution No. 11

Ms. Louise S. Thompson

WHEREAS, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that on May 6, 2015 Ms. Louise S. Thompson will be celebrating 102nd birthday; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Louise S. Thompson was born May 6, 1913 in Bolivar, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sam (Sanzy) Swanson. Her parents, sister, son Willie Johnson, and granddaughter, Cheryl are deceased; and

WHEREAS, she was employed by the State of Missouri for several years at their Bellefontaine Neighbors location. Her jobs included working in food service, laundry and housekeeping. After retiring in 1978, she is still enjoying her retirement; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Ms. Thompson joined Christ Pilgrim Rest Church located at 815 N. Beaumont. As a member there Ms. Thompson continued to serve people belonging to the following Ministries: Sunday School, Health Unit, W.M.U. and Baptist Training Union; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson still to this day enjoys going to church, daily walks for her exercise and telling people as she go about her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson has been a resident at Hopewell Senior Village at 4558 McMillan Avenue since July 12, 2012. Ms. Thompson has her own apartment which she keeps clean and cooks her own meals; and

WHEREAS, she has voted in every election and just started voting as an absentee this year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Ms. Louise S. Thompson on her 102nd birthday and for her many contributions to the City of St. Louis including the numerous lives she has touched, 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 to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Resolution No. 12

James L. Bell

WHEREAS, we pause today in our deliberations to express our sense of appreciation and congratulations to James Bell for his many years of service to the youth in our community and throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, James Bell is the President of B&B Productions, a company that promotes music and art that highlights key African Americans throughout history; and

WHEREAS, from 1999-2002, James sponsored and oversaw "Project Nehemiah", a massive neighborhood clean-up effort with the young adults of St. Alphonsos "Rock" Church; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, James partnered with St. Louis Children's Hospital to make their five-year Playground Initiative a reality; he organized volunteers, donated construction materials, provided numerous hours of labor, and supplied music equipment and refreshments for the final day; and

WHEREAS, since 1992 James Bell has coached, and continues to coach baseball to the boys and girls of Mathews-Dickey; in addition to coaching baseball, James' true passion is boxing. At age 12, James began boxing at the Pagedale 4-H Boxing Club where he learned a great deal about life; the club was a stabilizing force in his neighborhood and would lay the groundwork for who he is today: a trainer for young boxers, a judge with Ozark USA Boxing Association, a life-coach to his own children, and a pillar in his neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, James has received many awards for his achievements including the "Yes I Can" Award from the St. Louis Metro Sentinel (2006), the Outstanding Entrepreneur from the Human Development Corporation (2005), and the Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, Jr. Memorial Award from Mathews-Dickey (2013); and

WHEREAS, James is an outstanding example of an individual who is committed to the vision of a better City and is willing to personally dedicate himself to our youth regardless of the time and effort needed.

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 applaud James L. Bell for his tireless efforts to mentor, coach, and counsel our city's youth over the past two decades. 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 presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Resolution No. 14

Bishop Nathaniel Andrew Ellis

WHEREAS, we have been apprised of the Inaugural Celebration for Auxiliary Bishop Nathaniel Andrew Ellis; and

WHEREAS, he was taught from a child by his mother that God was real and that the Bible was the authentic Word of God. Also, his grandmother Mrs. Goley Wilson was very instrumental in teaching him and his brother the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalms and the Bible; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis was saved in 1976 at the Holy Jerusalem M.B. Church under the awesome leadership of Pastor Frank Smith at the age of 15 and was taught righteous living and shortly called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was there where he was taught and given the opportunity to exercise his ministry gift. However, it was in college where Bishop Ellis was lead of the Lord to the Church of God in Christ and on one of his college breaks he went back home to Chicago Illinois to receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost in a Revival Service. He has been active member of the Church of God in Christ for over 35 years and has served in ministry under the leadership of some of the Great Pioneers of our Church such as

Bishop C.N. Rucker, Bishop E. Harris Moore, Bishop E. Wesley Sanders, Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten and Bishop Charlie Green Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis and his lovely wife District Missionary Hester M. Ellis were married in 1981 in Kennett, Missouri, where they presently reside and have been married for almost 34 years. They have 2 beautiful daughters: Heather Renae and husband James Jefferson, and a baby daughter Natalie Nicole Ellis. Also, excitement fills the air because of the expectancy of their 1st grandson in July; and

WHEREAS, Bishop has been the Pastor of the North 6th St. Evangelistic Church of God in Christ for over 26 years and the Pastor of the Victory Temple Church of God in Christ for 9 years. He is known for his life and message of Holiness and his trade mark song "I Know the Bible is Right, and Somebody's Wrong." He is a Man of Faith and power and a man of prayer and fasting. He has a dynamic personality and a solid belief in Holiness, and he is a preachers' preacher.

WHEREAS, Bishop has served in several positions in Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois Jurisdiction with Honor and Distinction, such positions as Asst. Supt. to Supt. Courtney Sanders Sr. Presently serving as Asst. Supt. Henry L. Clark Jr., and he has served respectfully as State President of the Dept. of Evangelism.

WHEREAS, however, in April 2014 it was announced in the Spring Call meeting in Memphis, Tennessee that Administrative Assistant Nathaniel Andrew Ellis would be a Bishop Designee in the Historical Class of 2014, during the 107th Holy Convocation in St. Louis Missouri, he was consecrated a Bishop by the laying on of hands by Presiding Bishop Charles E. Black, Sr. and the General Board and received his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop in the Church of God in Christ, Missouri Southeast Third Jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Bishop Nathaniel Andrew Ellis on his elevation to Bishop and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 on the 8th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Resolution No. 15

James Malcolm Curry

WHEREAS, James Malcolm Curry was born in Carrollton, Mississippi on May 17, 1925 and is the third of twelve children born to Doc and Will Ball Curry; and

WHEREAS, he is married to Vernora and is the father of five children, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren (one on the way) and one great-great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, "Mack" is known for his big heart, his dedication to his family, and possessing a strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, to his family and friends he is known as THE RIB KING; and

WHEREAS, Mack has been a faithful and loyal member of the Greater Fairfax Missionary Baptist Church since 1969; and

WHEREAS, the world is truly blessed to know James Mack Curry and his family and friends celebrate him on this, his 90th birthday.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate James Malcolm Curry on the occasion of his 90th Birthday and we wish him continued peace, good health and happiness 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 to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Unanimous consent having been obtained Resolutions No. 9 through 12 and 14 through 15 stood considered.

President Reed moved that Resolutions No.9 through 2 and 14 through 15 be adopted, at this meeting of the Board.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### FIRST READING OF RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Boyd introduced Resolution No.13 and the Clerk was instructed to read same.

Resolution No. 13

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman is a public governmental body; and

WHEREAS, each public governmental body is to appoint a custodian who is to be responsible for the maintenance of that body's records; and

WHEREAS, each public governmental body shall make available for inspection and copying by the public of that body's public records; and

WHEREAS, each request for access to a public record shall be acted upon as soon as possible, but in no event later than the end of the third business day following the date the request is received by the custodian of records of a public governmental body; and

WHEREAS, a request for access is denied, the custodian shall provide, upon request, a written statement of the grounds for such denial; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2015, the Board of Alderman, President Office sent a request for committee assignment form to all members of the board via City of St. Louis email service; and

WHEREAS, the form used to request preferences was produced on the President of the Board of Alderman letterhead and was previously mailed to all members of the board to their homes using an official Board of Alderman envelope paid for at the taxpayers' expense; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2015 22nd Ward Alderman, Jeffrey L. Boyd emailed a request for copies of all members of the board committee assignment preference to the President of the Board, Lewis Reed to no avail; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2015 22nd Ward Alderman, Jeffrey L. Boyd made a second request for copies of all members of the board committee assignment preference to the President of the Board, Lewis Reed to no avail; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2015 at the regularly scheduled Board of Alderman meeting, 22nd Ward Alderman Jeffrey L. Boyd made a third request publicly to the President Lewis Reed who refused to honor the request; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the Sunshine Law is an essential component of good government; and

WHEREAS, by all appearances President Reed has willfully violated the Missouri Sunshine Law, Missouri State Statute 610:023, which is punishable by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman that all documents requested by Alderman Jeffrey L. Boyd be delivered to him immediately as is required by the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Introduced on the 8th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Unanimous consent having been obtained Resolution No. 13 stood considered.

Mr. Boyd moved that Resolution No. 13 be adopted, at this meeting of the Board.

Objection by Mr. Vaccaro.

Mr. Boyd moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of adopting Resolution No.13.

Seconded by Mr. Williamson.

Failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Boyd and Williamson. 2

Noes: Tyus, Bosley, Moore, Ingrassia, Coatar, Conway, Vollmer, Villa, Arnowitz, Murphy, Howard, Green, Baringer, Roddy, Kennedy, Davis, Spencer, French, Vaccaro, Cohn, Carter, Krewson and President Reed. 23

Present: 0

Mr. Boyd moved to refer Resolution No. 13 to the Legislation Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Krewson.

Failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ingrassia, Conway, Ortmann, Vollmer, Baringer, Boyd, Williamson and Krewson.

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Noes: Tyus, Bosley, Moore, Coatar, Villa, Arnowitz, Murphy, Green, Roddy, Kennedy, Davis, Spencer, French, Vaccaro, Cohn, Carter and President Reed. 17

Present: 0

Resolution No. 13 was referred to the Engrossment, Rules and Resolutions Committee.

## SECOND READING OF RESOLUTIONS

None.

## MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## EXCUSED ALDERMEN

Mr. Kennedy moved to excuse the following aldermen due to their necessary absence:  
Ms. Flowers and Ms. Hubbard.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn

Carried by voice vote.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn under rules to return May 15, 2015..

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Sweeney

Clerk, Board of Aldermen