

City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen Chambers September 23, 2016.

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

The aldermen introduced a number of honored guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the minutes for September 9, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Report of the Clerk

of the Board of Aldermen

I wish to report that on the 23rd day of September, 2016, I delivered to the Office of the Mayor of the City of St. Louis the following board bill that was truly agreed to and finally adopted.

Board Bill No. 80

An Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission on June 1, 2016, to change the zoning of property as indicated on the District Map, from “J” Industrial District to the “G” Local Commercial and Office District, in City Block 3919.03 (3700, 3702, 3702H, 3704 & 3710 Laclede Avenue and 11 7 13 S. Spring Avenue), so as to include the described parcels of land in City Block 3919.03; and containing an emergency clause.

Timothy G. O’Connell

Clerk and Legal Counsel

Board of Aldermen

Office of the Mayor

None.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

None.

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 Roddy introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 136

An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, on behalf of the City, to submit a 2017 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") as required to apply for funding under the Federal Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnership ("HOME"), Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") Entitlement Programs, authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Comptroller on behalf of the City to enter into and execute agreements with HUD for the receipt of 2017 CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds, appropriating the sum of Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000) which the City estimates will be available for the 2017 CDBG Program Year; appropriating the sum of Two Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000) which the City estimates will be available for the 2017 HOME Program Year; appropriating the sum of One Million, Four hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars (\$1,473,173) which the City estimates will be available for the 2017 ESG Program Year; and appropriating the sum of One Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$1,554,940) which the City estimates will be available for the 2017 HOPWA Program Year, authorizing and directing the Director of the Community Development Administration ("CDA") to contract with municipal agencies, non-profit corporations and other entities, as necessary for the expenditure of CDBG and HOME funds, to establish and implement a lump sum drawdown procedure for the purpose of financing property rehabilitation activities, to establish and implement a program to guarantee in whole or in part construction loans from private financial institutions, and/or to establish and implement a procedure for providing financial assistance to CDBG-eligible undertakings through float loan financing, authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Human Services ("DHS") to contract with municipal agencies, non-profit corporations and other entities, as necessary for the expenditure of ESG funds, authorizing and directing the Director of Health and Hospitals to contract with municipal agencies, non-profit corporations and other entities, as necessary for the expenditure of HOPWA funds, and directing the Comptroller to issue warrants thereon upon the City Treasury; and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Ingrassia introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 137

An ordinance approving a Redevelopment Plan for the 2217 Locust Ave. Area ("Area") after finding that the Area is blighted as defined in Section 99.320 and Chapter 353 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2000, as amended, (the "Statutes" being Sections 99.300 to 99.715 inclusive and Chapter 353), containing a description of the boundaries of said Area in the City of St. Louis ("City"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", finding that redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Area is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City; approving the Plan dated August 23, 2016 for the

Area ("Plan"), incorporated herein by attached Exhibit "B", pursuant to Sections 99.430 and 353.020 (4); finding that there is a feasible financial plan for the development of the Area which affords maximum opportunity for development of the Area by private enterprise; finding that no property in the Area may be acquired by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") through the exercise of eminent domain; finding that the property within the Area is unoccupied, but if it should become occupied the Redeveloper shall be responsible for relocating any eligible occupants displaced as a result of implementation of the Plan; finding that financial aid may be necessary to enable the Area to be redeveloped in accordance with the Plan; finding that there shall be available ten (10) year real estate tax abatement with the last five (5) years of payments in lieu of taxes based on fifty percent (50%) of the then current assessment; and pledging cooperation of the Board of Aldermen and requesting various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City to cooperate and to exercise their respective powers in a manner consistent with the Plan.

Board Members Ingrassia and Ortmann introduced by request:
Board Bill No. 138

An ordinance approving a blighting study and redevelopment plan dated June 28, 2016 for the Fox Park/ Benton Park West Scattered Sites Redevelopment Area (as further defined herein, the "Plan") after finding that said Redevelopment Area ("Area") is blighted as defined in Section 99.320 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the "Statute" being Sections 99.300 to 99.715 RSMo inclusive, as amended); containing a description of the boundaries of the Area in the City of St. Louis ("City"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "A", finding that redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Area is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City; approving the Plan attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "B", pursuant to Section 99.430 RSMo, as amended; finding that there is a feasible financial plan for the redevelopment of the Area which affords maximum opportunity for redevelopment of the Area by private enterprise; finding that no property in the Area may be acquired by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA"), a public body corporate and politic created under Missouri law, through the exercise of eminent domain; finding that no property within the Area is occupied, however if it should become occupied the Redeveloper (as defined herein) shall be responsible for providing relocation assistance pursuant to the Plan to any eligible occupants displaced as a result of implementation of the Plan; finding that financial aid may be necessary to enable the Area to be redeveloped in accordance with the Plan; finding that there shall be available up to a fifteen (15) year real estate tax abatement; and pledging cooperation of this St. Louis Board of Aldermen ("Board") and requesting various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City to cooperate and to exercise their respective powers in a manner consistent with the Plan; and containing a severability clause.

Board Member Williamson introduced by request:
Board Bill No. 139

An ordinance relating to the position classifications and salaries of the employees in the Treasurer's Office; repealing Ordinance 69195 and enacting in lieu thereof certain new sections relating to the same subject matter and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Williamson introduced by request:
Board Bill No. 140

An ordinance relating to the position classifications and salaries of the employees in the

Parking Division; repealing Ordinance 69196 and enacting in lieu thereof certain new sections relating to the same subject matter and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Davis introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 141

An ordinance approving a blighting study and redevelopment plan dated July 26, 2016 for the 2926-36 Locust St. Redevelopment Area (as further defined herein, the "Plan") after finding that said Redevelopment Area ("Area") is blighted as defined in Section 99.320 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the "Statute" being Sections 99.300 to 99.715 RSMo inclusive, as amended); containing a description of the boundaries of the Area in the City of St. Louis ("City"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "A", finding that redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Area is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City; approving the Plan attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "B", pursuant to Section 99.430 RSMo, as amended; finding that there is a feasible financial plan for the redevelopment of the Area which affords maximum opportunity for redevelopment of the Area by private enterprise; finding that no property in the Area may be acquired by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA"), a public body corporate and politic created under Missouri law, through the exercise of eminent domain; finding that no property within the Area is occupied, but if it shall become occupied, the Redeveloper (as defined herein) shall be responsible for providing relocation assistance pursuant to the Plan to any eligible occupants displaced as a result of implementation of the Plan; finding that financial aid may be necessary to enable the Area to be redeveloped in accordance with the Plan; finding that there shall be available up to a ten (10) year real estate tax abatement with five (5) years of payments in lieu of taxes or up to five (5) years real estate tax abatement; and pledging cooperation of this St. Louis Board of Aldermen ("Board") and requesting various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City to cooperate and to exercise their respective powers in a manner consistent with the Plan; and containing a severability clause.

Board Member Green introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 142

An ordinance pertaining to commercial semi-trailer trucks, also known as a semis, or tractor-trailers; prohibiting such traffic along Morganford Road from the north boundary of Arsenal Street to the south boundary of Utah Street, exempting from said prohibition emergency vehicles, including privately owned tow trucks when providing emergency service, vehicles making deliveries to nearby addresses, and vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of less than 26,000 pounds, 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 Bills Nos. 136 and 137.

Intergovernmental Affairs

None.

Legislation

None.

Neighborhood Development

Board Bills Nos. 138 and 141.

Parks and Environmental Matters

None.

Personnel and Administration

None.

Public Employees

Board Bill No. 139 and 140.

Public Safety

None.

Public Utilities

None.

Streets, Traffic and Refuse

Board Bill No. 142.

Transportation and Commerce

None.

Ways and Means

None.

SECOND READING AND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Ms. Baringer of the Committee on Legislation submitted the following report which was read.

Board of Aldermen Committee report, September 23, 2016.

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the following Board Bills, report that it has considered the same and recommends adoption.

Board Bill No. 53

Committee Substitute/

As Amended

An ordinance pertaining to campaign contribution limits; containing findings; containing definitions; campaign contribution limitation amounts; adjustments to limitation amounts; determination of maximum contribution; contributions from persons under fourteen; filing campaign finance disclosure reports; establishment of the Municipal Officials and Officers Ethics Commission; duties of the Municipal Officials and Officers Ethics Commission; violations; a penalty clause; and a severability clause

Board Bill No. 126

A ordinance revising prior ordinances that required certain officers and employees of the City of St. Louis to disclose receipt of certain gifts and travel expenses, increasing the value of gifts and travel expenses for which filing a report is required by revising Section Two of Ordinance 63666 and Section One of Ordinance 65710 and containing a severability clause.

Alderwoman Baringer

Chairman of the Committee

Mr. Bosley of the Committee on Streets, Traffic and Refuse submitted the following

report which was read.

Board of Aldermen Committee report, September 23, 2016.

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

The Committee on Streets, Traffic and Refuse to whom was referred the following Board Bills, report that it has considered the same and recommends adoption.

Board Bill No. 103

An Ordinance establishing a stop site for all northbound and southbound traffic traveling on Sulphur Avenue at Potomac Street and all eastbound traffic traveling on Potomac Street (a one-way street) at Sulphur Avenue, causing it to be a three-way stop site at the intersection of Potomac Street and Sulphur Avenue, and containing an emergency clause.

Board Bill No. 105

An Ordinance naming the real property at the south-southwest intersection of Gravois Avenue and Morganford Road, as described herein, Bosnian Sebilj Park in Bevo, and containing an emergency clause.

Alderman Bosley

Chairman of the Committee

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 Nos. 118, 119 and 121 and the Clerk was instructed to read same.

Resolution No. 118

Rev. Dr. Sammie Jones &

Lady Sandra Jones

37th Pastoral Anniversary

WHEREAS, Pastor Sammie Earl Jones was born in Doddsville, Mississippi, on August 1, 1949, He is the eldest son of Ms. Bessie L. Jones and has one brother and one sister. He was baptized in the Olivet Missionary Baptist Church at the age of twelve after he accepted Christi as

his personal Savior; he is married to Sandra Elaine Kelly and is the father of Reverend Shaun Ellison Jones (Lornetta); and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jones served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 and also in the active reserves from 1969-1976, achieving the rank of Specialist 5 (E-5); Pastor Jones answered the call to the Preaching Ministry in 1973 at the Olivet Baptist church; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jones received an Associate degree from Saint Louis University in 1976 and graduated from Lindenwood College in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications; he received his Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Western Baptist Bible College in July 1992; in his first pastoral appointment at Friendship Baptist Church, a small family congregation of about 30 members in Columbia, Missouri, he learned dedication; he and his wife, Sandra, a retired teacher for the Ferguson-Florissant School District, would commute twice a week from St. Louis to Columbia for prayer services; "It was kind of taxing," he said. "But after much prayer the Lord said, 'Come home'"; he has been home in St. Louis and preaching at Mount Zion ever since; and

WHEREAS, in August, 1979 Pastor Jones was called to the historical Mount Zion Baptist Church and is the 12th pastor to have served; the historic church began as a missionary Baptist church founded in 1859; Mount Zion follows First Baptist Church and Central Baptist as one of the oldest African-American congregations in St. Louis; Pastor Jones is presently serving as Senior Pastor; under his leadership, Mount Zion has completed construction of a new edifice, a new daycare building; two senior apartment buildings: a 38-bed unit and a 36-bed unit completed in 2000 and 2003, respectively; a Family Life Center comprised of a gymnasium and six new classrooms in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jones serves as a local, state, and national denominational leader. He presently serves as 3rd Vice President of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He is one of several commissioners with the St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission, is an executive member of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and a life member of the St. Louis city chapter of the NAACP. He was inducted into the Distinguished Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in 1994. He is an executive member of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis; a life member of the St. Louis chapter of the NAACP; member of the St. Louis Ambassadors, Prince Hall Masonic East Gate #38; Chairman of the Fair St. Louis Minority; former President of the St. Louis Black Leadership Round Table and St. Louis Metropolitan Clergy Coalition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Rev. Dr. Sammie Jones & Lady Sandra Jones on their 37th Pastoral Anniversary "Grateful For All God's Blessing" and their many contributions and selflessness and direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 18th day of September, 2016, by:
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman, 4th Ward
Resolution No. 119
Honoring the Life of
Darren LaShawn Seals, Jr.

WHEREAS, Darren LaShawn “Man Man” Seals, Jr., was born on the 15th day of May in 1987, the son of Mary Elizabeth Otis and Darren LaShawn Seals, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Darren was a factory line-worker and hip hop artist turned social justice activist, a transformation inspired by the Ferguson movement; and

WHEREAS, that same year Seals took his passion and protest from the streets of Ferguson to the national stage as a co-founder of Hands Up United and committed himself to bringing justice to the Brown family and to ending police brutality everywhere; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Seals used his voice to empower and inspire others; whether from behind a megaphone or a microphone, Seals spoke honestly and forcefully about the oppression and injustice he witnessed around him and dedicated his life to improving the community he loved; and

WHEREAS, as we honor Darren’s life and contributions, we’re confident that the sadness felt this day will ignite a newfound passion in young people throughout this community who will carry a torch in his honor and who will dedicate themselves to his fight to end violence and share his dream for a just, prosperous, and united St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the life and legacy of Darren LaShawn Seals, Jr. 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 the 16th day of September, 2016, by:
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen
Resolution No. 121
Construction Training School
50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Associated General Contractors of Missouri (AGCMO) is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Construction Training School on October 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Training School was the first such school to have multiple union apprenticeship training programs in the same facility under joint cooperation between labor and management; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Training School has helped to provide the skilled craft workers for the construction industry throughout the greater St. Louis area and the state of Missouri that have contributed to the growth and vitality of the region; and

WHEREAS, the highly skilled craft professionals trained through the efforts of the members of the AGC of Missouri and the Unions, display the skill, teamwork, and innovative spirit necessary to make lasting and significant contributions to their communities by building the facilities that support and enhance the high quality of life in our state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to mark the 50th anniversary of the Associated General Contractors of Missouri’s Construction Training School and to thank the group for its contributions to the vitality of our region. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 23rd day of September, 2016, by:
Honorable Scott Ogilvie, Alderman, 24th Ward

Unanimous consent having been obtained Resolutions Nos. 118, 119 and 121 stood considered.

Ms. Davis moved that Resolutions Nos. 118, 119 and 121, be adopted, at this meeting of the Board.

Seconded by Ms. Ingrassia.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Green introduced Resolution No. 120 and the Clerk was instructed to read the same. Resolution No. 120

Muslim Solidarity Resolution of 2016

WHEREAS, the United States was founded by immigrants, many fleeing religious persecution, who enshrined freedom of religion as one of our nation's fundamental legal and ethical principles; and

WHEREAS, the history of Islam in the United States began even before the country's founding, when African Muslims were enslaved and brought to the Americas, where they contributed to the building of this country, including sacrificing their lives on the line in every major war from the Revolutionary War on; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 3 million Muslims living in the United States today, and tens of thousands living in the City of St. Louis, making invaluable contributions to our economy, our social and political life, and our culture; and

WHEREAS, there has been an unprecedented backlash since 9/11 in the form of hate crimes and employment discrimination toward Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, those perceived as Arab, and those perceived as Muslims, along with frequent targeting of these group for abusive and discriminatory police practices sanctioned by the state, including surveillance in their neighborhoods and places of worship; and

WHEREAS, we are saddened and outraged at the recent escalation of hateful rhetoric against Muslims, those perceived to be Muslims, immigrants, and all people of color, and we are particularly concerned to see political figures and elected government officials leading this escalation and using it in order to gain power; and

WHEREAS, in the face of extreme bigotry and violence, Muslim communities and their leaders are using the language and teachings of Islam to promote peace, justice, and service, and their institutions are continuing to play an essential societal role providing charitable and humanitarian services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, we, as elected representatives of the people, have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of hate, violence, and discrimination against any of our constituents or countrymen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Alderman for the City of St. Louis:

1. Condemns all hateful speech and violent action directed at Muslims, those perceived to be Muslims, immigrants, and people of color;
2. Categorically rejects political tactics that use fear to manipulate voters or to gain power or influence;
3. Commits to pursuing a policy agenda that affirms civil and human rights, and ensures that those targeted on the basis of race, religion or immigration status can turn to government without fear of recrimination; and

4. Reaffirms the value of a pluralistic society, the beauty of a culture composed of multiple cultures, and the inalienable right of every person to live and practice their faith without fear.

Introduced on the 23rd day of September, 2016, by:

Honorable Megan E.Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Ms. Green moved for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 120 at this meeting of the Board.

Seconded by Ms. Ingrassia.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Green moved that Resolution No. 120 be adopted at this meeting of the Board.

Seconded by Ms. Ingrassia.

Failed by voice vote.

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:

Mr. Arnowitz and Mr. Boyd.

Seconded by Mr. Williamson.

Carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn under rules to return September 30, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Williamson.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy G. O'Connell

Clerk and Legal Counsel

Board of Aldermen