

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 22  
AS AMENDED  
MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY TREASURER CONTRACTING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen Streets, Traffic and Refuse Committee (“Streets Committee”) has a duty to consider matters pertaining to streets, alleys, sidewalks, traffic, signage, parking and refuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Streets Committee has oversight over the City Treasurer’s Parking Division budget and reviews the Parking Division budget after approval by the Parking Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Treasurer, who is responsible for the Parking Division and parking enforcement has outsourced parking meter collections, maintenance and the violations bureau to a private company; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 16, 2020, the City Treasurer suspended parking enforcement and hearings and trials for parking violations due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 10, 2020, while parking operations were still suspended, the City Treasurer purported to enter into a three-year agreement worth nearly \$7 million with Hudson and Associates, LLC (the “Hudson Agreement”) to manage on-street parking meter maintenance, collections and parking enforcement for the Parking Division; and

**WHEREAS**, per the terms of the Hudson Agreement, Hudson and Associates began collecting fees from the City Treasurer while parking operations were still suspended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hudson Agreement was signed solely by the City Treasurer, without approval from the Parking Commission, approval of the City Counselor as to form, without being counter-signed by the Comptroller; and

**WHEREAS**, as of today’s date, the Hudson Agreement still has not been filed with the City Registrar; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Counselor, in a letter dated June 5, 2020 addressed to members of the Streets Committee, raised serious concerns with the Hudson Agreement as drafted, its failure to follow City of St. Louis laws governing contracts, namely, the selection committee procedures in Chapter 3.97 of the City’s Revised Code, the requirement for the City Counselor to approve contracts as to form and the requirement of countersignature from the Comptroller; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Counselor stated in his June 5, 2020 letter in reference to the Hudson Agreement that, “the purported contract is not a contract at all”; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the information presented to date, the City Treasurer has entered into an unlawful agreement and attempted to obligate the City of St. Louis to millions of dollars in payments to Hudson and Associates; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 8 and Article XXV Section 10 of the City of St. Louis Charter empowers the Board of Aldermen to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, and order the production of books and papers relating to any subject within its jurisdiction and to delegate the same to any of its standing committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen must take seriously the importance of the City’s contracting process and alleged violations of the City Code by the City Treasurer and should therefore delegate to the Streets Committee the authority to compel the City Treasurer, the City Treasurer’s staff, members of the Parking Commission, the Parking Commission staff, and Hudson and Associates, LLC, including but not limited to its agents, employees,

subcontractors and/or representatives to appear before the Streets Committee if, after receiving reasonable notice from the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Streets Committee directing any such person to appear at a scheduled meeting of the Streets committee, such person or persons fails to do so.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the Streets, Traffic and Refuse Committee is hereby delegated the authority to compel via subpoena the City Treasurer, the City Treasurer's staff, members of the Parking Commission, the Parking Commission staff, and Hudson and Associates, LLC, including but not limited to its agents, employees, subcontractors and/or representatives to appear before the Street, Traffic and Refuse Committee and to compel the production of documents and records if, after receiving reasonable notice from the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee directing any such person to appear at a scheduled meeting of the Committee, such person fails to do so.

**Introduced this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2020 by:  
The Honorable John J. Coatar, Alderman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

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**Lewis Reed**  
President, Board of Aldermen