

RESOLUTION NUMBER 33

WHEREAS, Carter Carburetor was founded in 1909 and closed in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Carter Carburetor site is owned by AMEC, a major international company; and

WHEREAS, Carter Carburetor was located at Grand and St. Louis Avenue in the JeffVanderlou neighborhood of the 3rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, at its peak Carter Carburetor employed 3,000 people; and

WHEREAS, many of Carter Carburetor's employees lived in the immediate area; and

WHEREAS, while open Carter Carburetor supported countless small businesses and organizations in the area; and

WHEREAS, since closing, the Carter Carburetor site has been a major eyesore and a deterrent to attracting businesses and new residents to the surrounding community and has reduced property values; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Carter Carburetor was added as an Environment Protection Agency's Superfund Site; Carter Carburetor's contamination has threatened the Health and Welfare to the area's residents; and

WHEREAS, after years of fighting against cleaning the site and removing all of the cancer causing materials and the building's filth, the Federal Government and the Federal Courts have forced the sites owner, AMEC, to clean up the site; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cleanup of the Carter Carburetor site is between \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate amongst African American men in St. Louis has been as high as 34%; and

WHEREAS, AMEC is refusing to make any commitments as it relates to the utilization of minority and women owned companies; and

WHEREAS, AMEC has only stated it will hire a minimum number of qualified minorities and women to work on the cleanup project; and

WHEREAS, AMEC will not release the actual level of dollars it will spend with minority and women owned firms; and

WHEREAS, AMEC has not formally made known what plans it has for the disposition of the fully remediated land once the cleanup is completed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we direct the Ways and Means Committee of this board to convene hearings for the purpose of examining the events, conditions and circumstances surrounding the Carter Carburetor cleanup with particular emphasis on the economic impact the project may have on the surrounding area of the site. We further direct the committee to include in such discussion all parties, individuals, and documents deemed appropriate and necessary by the Ways and Means Committee to conduct a fair and thorough examination.

Introduced on the 9th day of May, 2014 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of May, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
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