

City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen Chambers September 25, 2009.

The roll was called and the following Aldermen answered to their names: Flowers, Bosley, Moore, Ford-Griffin, Triplett, Young, Conway, Ortmann, Vollmer, Villa, Heitert, Wessels, Gregali, Florida, Baringer, Roddy, Kennedy, Davis, Schmid, French, Boyd, Vaccaro, Waterhouse, Cohn, Williamson, Carter, Krewson and President Reed. 28

“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

None.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Report of the Clerk
of the Board of Aldermen

To the President of the Board of Aldermen:

I wish to report that on the 25th day of September, 2009, I delivered to the Office of the Mayor of the City of St. Louis the following board bills that were truly agreed to and finally adopted.

Board Bill No. 9

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in the southern 275.5 feet of the 15 foot wide north/south alley in City Block 1241 as bounded by Bremen, N. Florissant, Farrar and 22nd in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Board Bill No. 40

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in the 15 foot wide north/south alley and the easternmost 80 feet ± 4 feet of the 20 foot wide east/west alley in City Block 3742 as bounded by Cook, Vandeventer, Finney and Sarah in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Board Bill No. 126

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in Mallinckrodt St. from 25th St. to Natural Bridge Ave. in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Board Bill No. 128

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in Bissell

from N. Florissant eastwardly 276 feet ± 10 feet to the west right-of-way line of the alley in City Block 2433 as bounded by Bissell, Strodman, Ferry and N. Florissant in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Board Bill No. 130

(Committee Substitute)

An ordinance establishing two stop sites for all northbound and southbound traffic traveling on Union Boulevard between 4932 and 4933 Union Boulevard at said location between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm on Sundays and at other such times as ordered by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and containing an emergency clause.

Board Bill No. 131

An Ordinance directing the Director of Streets to temporarily close, barricade, or otherwise impede the flow of traffic on Dodier Street at the east curb line of Prairie Avenue and containing an emergency clause.

Board Bill No. 132

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Street Commissioner to take all necessary actions to honorarily designate Dodier Street as “Sportsman’s Park Way.”

Board Bill No. 124

An Ordinance approving the Petition of W2007 MVP St. Louis, LLC (the “Developer”), as the owner of certain real property, TO establish a community improvement district; establishing the riverfront hotel community improvement district; finding a public purpose for the establishment of the riverfront hotel community improvement district; and containing a severability clause.

David W. Sweeney, Clerk

Board of Aldermen

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September 22, 2009

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 Bills No. 130 (Committee Substitute) and 131.

Sincerely

FRANCIS G. SLAY

Mayor

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BOARD BILLS FOR PERFECTION

None.

BOARD BILLS FOR
THIRD READING
– INFORMAL CALENDAR

None.

RESOLUTIONS
– INFORMAL CALENDAR

None.

FIRST READING
OF BOARD BILLS

Board Member Kennedy introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 185

An Ordinance directing the Director of Streets to temporarily close, barricade, or otherwise impede the flow of traffic at Newberry Terrace at the east curb line of Marcus Avenue and containing an emergency clause.

Board Member Moore introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 186

An ordinance approving a blighting study and redevelopment plan dated July 28, 2009 for the N. Taylor Ave./Dr. Martin Luther King Dr./St. Louis Ave. 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 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 some of the property within the Area is occupied, and the Redeveloper(s) (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; 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 Davis introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 187

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in Rutger Street from Virginia Avenue to Ranken (vacated) in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Board Member Conway introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 188

An ordinance approving a blighting study and redevelopment plan dated July 28, 2009

for the 3540-42 Sidney 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 none of the property within the Area is occupied, but if it should become occupied the Redeveloper(s) (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; 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 Conway introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 189

An ordinance approving a blighting study and redevelopment plan dated July 28, 2009 for the 3951 Flad Ave. 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 none of the property within the Area is occupied, but if it should become occupied the Redeveloper(s) (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 five (5) 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 Conway introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 190

An ordinance approving a blighting study and redevelopment plan dated July 28, 2009 for the 1939-45 S. Vandeventer Ave. 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 the property within the Area is partially occupied, and the Redeveloper(s) (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; 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 French introduced by request:

Board Bill No. 191

An ordinance approving a blighting study and redevelopment plan dated July 28, 2009 for the 4530 Holly Ave. 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 none of the property within the Area is occupied, but if it should become occupied the Redeveloper(s) (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; 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 Triplett introduced by request:
Board Bill No. 192

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement Between The City And Gilded Age Renovation, LLC; Prescribing the form and details of said Amendment; Making certain findings with respect thereto; Authorizing other related actions; And containing a severability clause.

Board Member Carter introduced by request:
Board Bill No. 193

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor, on the behalf of the City of St. Louis, to submit all necessary applications and to enter into agreements with the Missouri Foundation for Health or any other agency (Grant # 09-0005-CAL-09) for the “Asthma Friendly St. Louis” Program and authorizing the Mayor, upon approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to expend any funds received by said grants to fulfill the obligations of the grants, and containing an emergency clause.

Board Members Vollmer and Conway introduced by request:
Board Bill No. 194

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in Kemper beginning 240 feet west of Hereford and continuing westwardly 130.315 feet to a point previously vacated by Ordinance No. 63602 in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF BOARD BILLS

Convention and Tourism

None.

Engrossment, Rules and Resolutions

None.

Health and Human Services

Board Bill No. 193.

Housing, Urban Development & Zoning

Board Bills No. 186, 190 and 192.

Intergovernmental Affairs

None.

Legislation

None.

Neighborhood Development

Board Bills No. 188, 189 and 191.

Parks and Environmental Matters

None.

Personnel and Administration

None.

Public Employees

None.

Public Safety

None.

Public Utilities

None.

Streets, Traffic and Refuse
Board Bills No. 185, 187 and 194.

Transportation and Commerce

None.

Ways and Means

None.

SECOND READING AND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Bosley of the Committee on Streets, Traffic and Refuse submitted the following report which was read.

Board of Aldermen Committee report, September 25, 2009.

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 they have considered the same and recommend adoption.

Board Bill No. 42

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to conditionally vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in 1) Children's Place (fka Audubon Avenue) beginning at Euclid and extending westwardly 550 feet and 2) Euclid Ave. from the north right-of-way line of Children's Place southwardly 786 feet to the north right-of-way line of Barnes-Jewish Hospital Plaza (except areas utilized by Metro, see Ordinance 62241) in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Board Bill No. 149

An ordinance establishing a four way stop site at the intersection of North 9th Street and North Market Street by regulating all east-west traffic traveling on North Market Street approaching such intersection and containing an emergency clause.

Board Bill No. 169

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Streets to permanently close the westernmost alley in City Block 3678 bounded by Annie Malone Drive, Garfield Avenue, Whittier Street and North Market Street at a point 38 feet south of North Market Street.

Board Bill No. 180

An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance #64557, approved January 15, 1999, authorizing the Director of Streets to permanently close San Francisco Avenue 387 feet east of the eastern curblines Kingshighway Blvd.

Board Bill No. 181

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Street Commissioner to take all necessary actions to honorarily designate the 4500 block of Arlington Avenue as "Rev. Adrian F. Jones Boulevard."

Board Bill No. 182

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Public Service to vacate above surface, surface and sub-surface rights for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian travel in an irregular portion of Gratiot beginning at 7th and extending westwardly approximately 370 feet to a portion of Gratiot previously vacated by Ordinance 59703 in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as hereinafter described, in accordance with Charter authority, and in conformity with Section 14 of Article XXI of the Charter and imposing certain conditions on such vacation.

Board Bill No. 184

An Ordinance, recommended by the Board of Public Service of the City of St. Louis (the “Board of Public Service”), establishing a public works and improvement project for the removal of the North Tucker Viaduct and reconstruction of North Tucker Boulevard (the “North Tucker Viaduct Project - Phase II”); and authorizing and directing the City of St. Louis (the “City”) through its Board of Public Service to let contracts and provide for the removal and reconstruction, materials, and equipment for the North Tucker Viaduct Project - Phase II, authorizing the Board of Public Service to employ labor and consultants, pay salaries, fees and wages, acquire real property interests, and enter into supplemental agreements with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, Federal Highway Administration, utilities, railroads, other governmental agencies and private corporations and entities and to make application for funding from other sources for the North Tucker Viaduct Project - Phase II all in accordance with the Federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (23 U.S.C. 110, et seq.), with any contract containing sections for: description of the work, material guarantees, estimated expenditure allocations, fund reversion authorization, applicable federal and state wage rate requirements, equal opportunity provisions, the Mayor’s Executive Orders, and contract advertising statutes; requiring that all work provided for herein shall be carried out in accordance with detailed plans and specifications adopted and approved by the Board of Public Service before bids are advertised therefore; directing that all construction contracts let by authority of this Ordinance provide for federal and state prevailing wages requirements including prevailing wage, holiday and overtime pay and compliance with all applicable statutes of the State of Missouri, the City Charter and the Revised Code of the City, as amended; requiring all specifications approved by the Board of Public Service and contracts let by authority of this Ordinance provide for compliance with the Mayor’s Executive Orders on Equal Opportunity and maximum MBE/WBE/DBE utilization goals, compliance with the provisions of Sections 285.525 thru 285.550 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2000, as amended, by requiring enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program and no knowing employment of unauthorized aliens, and compliance with the provisions of Section 292.675 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2000, as amended, by providing a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration construction safety program for their on-site employees, except when superseded or prohibited by federal or state law or regulation; requiring all advertisements for bids pursuant to this Ordinance be subject to the provisions of Section 8.250, RSMo., as amended; and the total estimated cost of the North Tucker Viaduct Project - Phase II, is Eleven Million, Three Hundred Eleven Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$11,311,220.00) from various sources including the Federal Highway Administration Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and Current Interest Junior Leasehold Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B; authorizing and directing the Comptroller of the City to draw warrants from time to time and disburse funds appropriated by this ordinance and to receive and disburse grant funds in accordance with the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (23 U.S.C. 110, et seq.) upon the signature and certification of vouchers by the President of the Board of Public Service; and containing a public work 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 No. 134 through 142 and the Clerk was instructed to read same.

Resolution No. 134
Thomas Stremlau

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Thomas Stremlau is the 2009 recipient of the Spirit of Columbus Award; and

WHEREAS, Tom is a lifelong resident of the St. Louis City; and

WHEREAS, Tom has been married 22 years to his lovely wife, Anna; and

WHEREAS, Tom is father to Thomas Jr., Brian, and Stephen and grandfather to Timmy, Jack, and Caitlin; and

WHEREAS, Tom was the past President of Hill 2000 for 8 years and is currently serving as its Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Tom has been a past chairman and key figure in past and current neighborhood events such as Hill Day, Giro del Montagna and La Festa; and

WHEREAS, Tom is devoted to the Hill Neighborhood and Parish of St. Ambrose through coaching and the Athletic Association. He is continuing the commitment made by his departed parents, Leo and Vera Stremlau, of pride and faith; and

WHEREAS, above all these accomplishments, most importantly, Tom has been a great friend to all, and is truly appreciated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to and recognize the many accomplishments and achievements of Mr. Thomas Stremlau and we 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 20th day of September, 2009 by:
Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
Resolution No. 135

Marguerite Edwards Ghant

WHEREAS, Marguerite Edwards Ghant was born February 19, 1930 in St. Louis, Missouri the only daughter born to Arzola and George Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite accepted Christ at an early age at True Light Missionary Baptist Church and later became a faithful member of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church and until the demise of her health she attended Transformation Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite received her education in the St. Louis Public School System and graduated from Vashon High School; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation she attended Ardell's Beauty College and as a consummate professional Marguerite excelled in her technique classes, earning the respect of her peers and instructors. Due to her leadership abilities she received the accolade of President of her class; and

WHEREAS, A true life-long learner Marguerite later attended Harris Teacher's College where she received a baccalaureate in Elementary Education. She also obtained a Master's in Education and thirty additional hours in Library Science from Webster University; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, September 6, 2009 God called Marguerite Edwards Ghant home to his peaceful kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, god-mother, and friend. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving and devoted daughter Denise E. Ghant-Robertson; seven grandchildren, Ronald W. Ghant-Robertson, Ryan B. Ghant-Robertson, Olinthus G. Roberts, III, Marquett Brown, Travis Roberts, Joshua Lynn Roberts, and Erica R. Roberts and a host of other relatives and friends. Her husband Walter Stout Ghant, her son Olinthus "Lin" G. Roberts, Jr., her parents and four brothers; Willie, George Jr., Charles, and Herbert preceded her in death, and

WHEREAS, Marguerite touched many lives in her lifetime as a neighborhood leader in the Mark Twain Neighborhood and her light will continue to shine through her loving family and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Honorable Board of Aldermen join the sponsor of this resolution in expressing their deepest sympathy to the family of Marguerite Ghant upon her passing and take time from conducting the business of the Board for a moment of silence in respect for Mrs. Ghant's passing; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Honorable Board of Aldermen be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to present to the family of Marguerite Ghant at the appropriate time and place.

Introduced on the 18th day of September, 2009 by:
Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
Resolution No. 136

Police Officer Silas Ellis DSN 6749

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Police Officer Silas Ellis DSN 6749 has been honored as Officer of the Month in District Eight, Area Three of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, during the month of August, Officers Ellis and Schinner conducted numerous investigations which resulted in multiple arrests for Felony Parole/Probation violations, Fugitive Charges, Drug Charges, Robberies and Burglaries with warrants issued in several cases; and

WHEREAS, these Officers are normally assigned to a directed patrol car that focuses on

high crime areas in the various neighborhoods. Their motivation and enthusiasm with self-initiated activity normally results in high quality arrests in high crime areas; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ellis joined the police department March 7, 2005 and was assigned to the Eighth District upon graduation from the Police Academy on October 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, he follows in the footsteps of his father, Silas Ellis, Jr., who is also currently a St. Louis Police Officer. Officer Ellis is also a member of the Army Reserve and served on active duty in the Middle East for 14 months from March 2008 to May 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Police Officer Silas Ellis and we wish him continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Resolution No. 137

Probationary Police Officer Michael Schinner 8803

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Probationary Police Officer Michael Schinner 8803 has been honored as Officer of the Month in District Eight, Area Three of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, during the month of August, Officers Ellis and Schinner conducted numerous investigations which resulted in multiple arrests for Felony Parole/Probation violations, Fugitive Charges, Drug Charges, Robberies and Burglaries with warrants issued in several cases; and

WHEREAS, these Officers are normally assigned to a directed patrol car that focuses on high crime areas in the various neighborhoods. Their motivation and enthusiasm with self-initiated activity normally results in high quality arrests in high crime areas; and

WHEREAS, Officer Schinner is a new officer, having just graduated from the Police Academy on March 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Eighth District is Officer Schinner's first assignment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Probationary Police Officer Michael Schinner and we wish him continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Resolution No. 138

The Empowerment Network, Inc.

WHEREAS, in 2008, The Empowerment Network, Inc. was designed, developed, and implemented by Mellve Shahid; and

WHEREAS, in February 2009, The Empowerment Network, Inc. partnered with the American Cancer Society to facilitate the "Man to Man Support Group Program", the first support for African American men in the history of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Network, Inc. organized the "Women Fighting Against

Prostate Cancer” program for the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Network, Inc. was recently nominated for the 2009 Harold P. Freeman Service Award, given by the American Cancer Society, recognizing projects aimed at reducing cancer disparities amongst underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Network, Inc. is recognized for being the first organization to educate the inmates at the Medium Security Institution on prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Network, Inc., in supporting the efforts of the 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis’s 2009 Prostate Cancer Survivors’ and Awareness Prostate Cancer Walk, was recognized as the Top Organization for registered walkers.

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 Empowerment Network, Inc. for its dedication in heightening prostate cancer education and awareness in the St. Louis community and we further 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 25th day of September, 2009 by

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Honorable April Ford Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Honorable Kacie S. Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward

Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8th Ward

Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward

Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward

Honorable Matthew Villa, Alderman 11th Ward

Honorable Fred Heitert, Alderman 12th Ward

Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13th Ward

Honorable Stephen Gregali, Alderman 14th Ward

Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward

Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Honorable William Waterhouse, Alderman 24th Ward

Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen

Resolution No. 139

Pastor Flem Ellis Bronner, Sr.

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Pastor Flem Ellis Bronner, Sr. will be honored on Sunday September 27, 2009 at the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church for the sixty years the famed Pastor Bronner has spread his message of God through his music and ministry; and

WHEREAS, Flem Ellis Bronner, Sr. was born in Pertshire, Mississippi to the late Robert T. and Blanche Bronner. He is the youngest of nine children and was reared in a close-knit family whose spiritual life flourished under the love and guidance of his parents, older siblings, late uncle and Pastor Reverend Thomas Bronner. Flem began singing at a young age in 1949 as the lead singer of "The Evening Stars" through the inspiration of his older sister, Blanche Bronner-Haney. In 1955, "The Evening Stars" changed their name to "The Bronner Brothers" and moved to St. Louis, the home base of its music and ministry; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 1962, he received his gift of a lifetime, his faithful and loving wife, Mrs. Ozia Jennings Bronner, of Howardville, Missouri. Several years later, their only child was born to this blessed union, Flem E. Bronner, Jr., which completed their family circle of love. Today, Flem E. Jr. plays an integral part in his father's music ministry as a guitarist, and promoter; and

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of March in 1979, Pastor Flem E. Bronner, Sr. was ordained by his uncle, Reverend Thomas Bronner at New Bethel Baptist Church in Pertshire, Mississippi. Pastor Bronner's rise to fame came from his preaching from an 8-foot ladder. Churchgoers from around the world have witnessed this powerful and prolific presentation; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of September in 2002, after twenty long years of faithful service to the Lord, and traveling throughout Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and other states around this nation preaching the good news of "Climbing Jacob's Ladder," Pastor Flem E. Bronner, Sr. and his son, Flem Ellis Bronner, Jr. launched a gospel premier promoting the release of their new CD/album titled "I Dreamed I Went to Heaven."; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at St. John, Pastor Bronner touched many lives, and saved lost souls through his ministry. His ministry is one of love and his motto is "Love has no color," and love is also colorblind, thereby allowing his message to transcend all colors, thnicity, minority groups, and socioeconomic classes. Pastor Bronner's spiritual walk with Christ resonates in his daily life that he shares with his family, church, community, and friends; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, St. John, and the entire Missouri region, have had the wonderful opportunity to meet many famous gospel groups and ministers; The Soul Stirrers, The Masonic Travelers, and of course, the world famous Bronner Brothers. His (late) Uncle Reverend T. B. Bronner, Pastor Mack McCollum, also known as the One Arm Bandit of Chicago, Illinois, Pastor Joe Simon and many other well-known ministers of America have been guest preachers at St. John.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Pastor Flem Ellis Bronner, Sr. for his many achievements and accomplishments 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 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Resolution No. 140

The Serenity Garden at Epiphany United Church of Christ

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Epiphany United Church of Christ in Benton Park, Missouri, recently enjoyed the distinction of having its Serenity Garden designated a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the Serenity Garden is only the second site in Missouri so designated by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 27, 2009, the congregation of Epiphany United Church of Christ plans a special outdoor worship service as part of the dedication of their Serenity Garden; and

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife Federation began its Wildlife Habitat certification program in 1973, and since then more than 113,000 habitats have gained certification; and

WHEREAS, the Serenity Garden is largely the creation of the Epiphany Gardening Group, led by Janice Markham of Benton Park; and

WHEREAS, in order to become certified, a property must employ sustainable gardening practices and provide the four basic requirements of all wildlife, food, water, shelter, and a place to rear offspring; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Mary A. Albert, Epiphany United Church of Christ's pastor, observed that the mission of the National Wildlife Federation, to inspire citizens to protect wildlife for our children's future, is consistent with the Church's Whole Earth Covenant, which was adopted by the congregation in 2008 and encourages practices that protect the environment for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations and recognize the accomplishment and recognition of the Serenity Garden at Epiphany United Church of Christ 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 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward

Resolution No.141

Mrs. Eva Goss

WHEREAS, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that Mrs. Eva Goss celebrated her 100th Birthday on Thursday, September 24, 2009 and that festivities honoring her will take place Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 3pm to 6pm at the Richmond Heights Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Eva Goss was born September 24, 1909 in Wewoka, Oklahoma on the Cherokee Indian Reservation and she had two brothers and five sisters; and

WHEREAS, When Mrs. Goss was very young she moved to Black Hawk, Mississippi where she was raised and went to school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goss later moved to St. Louis, Missouri where she attended Sumner High School and married George Goss and had eight children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goss was married to George Goss for 57 years before he passed away; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goss has many hobbies which include hat making, gardening, sewing, painting, crafts and upholstering furniture; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goss has been a church member of the Gospel Hall for over 40 years

where she helped to feed the hungry and took in many children; and

WHEREAS, when asked what she bought in her life that made her the happiest, she replied with smiles, “It was my marriage certificate”; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goss is a proud member of St. Louis City 18th Ward and has lived for over 70 years at 4251 Delmar Boulevard.

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 Mrs. Eva Goss on her 100th 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 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Resolution No. 142

Chris Draft

WHEREAS, we are honored to recognize veteran NFL player, Chris Draft for his dedication and commitment to the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Stanford University graduate Chris Draft established the Chris Draft Family Foundation. The Foundation focuses on seven primary initiatives with overarching themes that stress the importance of education, healthy lifestyles, character development, personal responsibility, self-discipline and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Draft has received numerous community honors and awards which include: 2009 PTA National Ambassador; 2009 JB Award, presented by the NFL Players Association and James Brown of CBS Sports; 2009 Winning with Asthma National Spokesman, partnership with the National Lt. Governor’s Association; 2008 AT &T National Sportsmanship Award, celebrating community service and overall commitment to sportsmanship; 2008 JB Award, presented by the NFL Players Association and James Brown of CBS Sports and 2007 NFL Alumni Spirit Award, presented at the Super Bowl XLII NFL Alumni Player of the Year Dinner, sponsored by Cadillac; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Draft was named Rams Man of the Year for his work in the community both seasons he played with the team; and

WHEREAS, he has participated in many community service activities which include: Spokesperson for St. Louis Public Schools, Spokesperson for Dance St. Louis, host for Rams in the Classroom, Reaching Your Goal SLPS Student Recognition Dinner, Urban Farming planting at Barrett Brothers Park, host for Missouri Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, Spokesperson for Missouri Childhood Asthma Radio PSA Campaign, LaRoi Glover Gridiron Holiday Shopping Spree, St. Louis Rams & American Red Cross Blood Drive, Community Quarterback Awards Luncheon and 2007 Make-A-Wish Celebrity Server; and

WHEREAS, following the tragic shooting death of St. Louis Police Officer Norvell Brown, Mr. Draft participated in a cleanup event of Barrett Brothers Park, the neighborhood where the shooting occurred. Mr. Draft wanted to spread a positive message, reminding people to be a part of their community and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Draft hosted the Draft Family Fitness Day at Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club which was a wellness camp for the entire family, youths and their parents from all over the St. Louis metropolitan area got the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of topics

from Mr. Draft and his assembled team of instructors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Chris Draft for his many achievements and accomplishments and thank him for his service and dedication to the people of St. Louis 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 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward
Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable April Ford Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward
Honorable Kacie S. Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward
Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward
Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8th Ward
Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward
Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
Honorable Matthew Villa, Alderman 11th Ward
Honorable Fred Heitert, Alderman 12th Ward
Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13th Ward
Honorable Stephen Gregali, Alderman 14th Ward
Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward
Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward
Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward
Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward
Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
Honorable William Waterhouse, Alderman 24th Ward
Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward
Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward
Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen

Unanimous consent having been obtained Resolutions No. 134 through 142 stood considered.

President Reed moved that Resolutions No. 134 through 142 be adopted, at this meeting of the Board.

Seconded by Ms. Florida.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTIONS

None.

SECOND READING OF RESOLUTIONS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

EXCUSED ALDERMEN

Mr. Wessels moved to excuse the following aldermen due to their necessary absence: Mr. Troupe.

Seconded by Mr. Villa.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wessels moved to adjourn under rules to return October 2, 2009.

Seconded by Mr. Heitert.

Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Sweeney

Clerk, Board of Aldermen