

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS
JUNE 12, 2025
Meeting held at East St. Louis City Hall
301 River Park Drive
Council Chambers
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Councilmen was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Pro Tem LaVondo Pulley.

2. PRAYER-Former Mayor Alvin Parks

3. ROLL CALL:

Present:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Absent:	Councilmen/ Councilwomen:	None

Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent

4. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025, WITH CORRECTION OF THE CORRECT MAYOR'S NAME

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilwoman Woodhouse to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None

Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent

PASSED:

5. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA/WITH AN ADDITIONAL OF 6b, 6C & 9B

A motion was made by Councilwoman Parks and seconded by Councilman Hoffman II to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None

Absent: Councilmen/Councilwomen: **None**
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent

PASSED:

- 6. REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE-LAVONDO PULLEY, CHAIRMAN**
A. PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THOMPSON CIVIL, LLC FOR THE 2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR EAST BROADWAY FROM 8TH STREET TO 10TH STREET

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilwoman Woodhouse to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

- B. A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 25-20003 REGARDING THE OBLIGATION OF REBUILD ILLINOIS BOND FUNDS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE**

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilwoman Parks to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

- C. A RESOLUTION FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ABLIGATE FUNDS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE FROM COLLINSVILLE AVENUE TO 8TH STREET**

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilwoman Woodhouse to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

7. REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE-JO ANNE PARKS, CHAIRWOMAN

A. PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO REPLACE ITS CURRENT IMPREST CARD STRUCTURE WITH COMMERCIAL CARDS (P-CARDS)

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilman Pulley to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

B. PRESENTATION OF LEGAL SETTLEMENT(S)

LAWYER, ORSEY DENNIS FROM THE PENSION BOARDS OF BOTH POLICE & FIRE DISCUSSED THE AGREEMENT THAT THE CITY HAS WITH BOTH PENSIONS. HE STATED THAT AFTER JUNE MR. STEWART ADVISED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER PAYMENTS FROM THE CITY. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT IN THE PASS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO INTERCEPT IF PAYMENTS ARE NOT MADE.

8. REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE-LISA WOODHOUSE, CHAIRMAN

A. PRESENTATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Sandra 18th Street BBQ
1801 Belmont
East St. Louis, IL
No Zoning

Food Trunk
Darnacio Washington
Peddlers

Zaza Vap Shop
602 N 25th Street
East St. Louis, IL

Smoke Shop
Sabri Ahmed
Business Activity 1

Highway Commercial Parking C3A

Old Lady's Mess on Wheels
1624 Carlye Ave
East St. Louis, IL
No Zoning

Food Trunk
Antoine Davis, Sr.
Peddlers

One Five
1513 State Street
East St. Louis IL
Highway Commercial Parking C3A

Bar/Event Venue
Rashod Barnes
General Business Activity 1

Flash Mart
8301 State Street
East St. Louis, IL
Highway Commercial Parking C3A

Convenience/Gas Station
Rupindon Kaur
Business Activity 1 & 11

The 89th Collective
1265 N 89th Street
East St. Louis, IL
Highway Commercial C3

Business & Co-Working Center
Devon Moody
Business Activity 1

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilwoman Woodhouse to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

9. REPORTS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-COURTNEY HOFFMAN II, CHAIRMAN

A. PRESENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ABRAM CONTRACT SERVICES, LLC RELATED TO THE TIF/BUSINESS GRANT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Parks and seconded by Councilman Pulley to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

B.ORDINANCE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM THE MINISTRIES UNITED AGAINST HUMAN SUFFERING, AN ILLINOIS INACTIVE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO THE CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilwoman Woodhouse to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

10. OLD BUSINESS-NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #25-20014, CORRECTING A STATUTORY TERM OF AN APPOINTMENT ON THE EAST ST. LOUIS PENSION BOARD

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilwoman Parks to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

B.PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE EAT ST. LOUIS PENSION BOARD FOR THE CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilwoman Parks to approve. Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Hoffman II, Pulley
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

C. EXECUTIVE-NO NEED

12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS-

HE TALKED ABOUT \$300,000 BUDGET FOR HISTORICAL MUSEUM, ALSO SEVEN MILLION ALLOCATED FOR NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT, THREE MILLIONS ALLOCATED FOR OTHER PROJECTS

13. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

COUNCILWOMAN PARKS TALKED ABOUT SHE NOTICED THAT THE EXPENDITURES ARE COMING DOWN

14. CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. CSO PUBLIC REMARKS-HAS TO STAY ON AGENDA IN CASE A CITIZEN HAS COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT

B. REV. JOE DAVIS-HE ASKED ABOUT MANNING TABLE AND BUDGET, CITY MANAGER ADVISED THAT THE INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO HIM.

C. MR. LAWRENCE WILSON-HE ASKED WHY HIS BIDS WERE DENIED AND HE FELT LIKE HE WAS BEING BLACKBALLED-CITY MANAGER ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT CHOSEN BECAUSE NO ONE HAD ANY INFORMATION OR EXPERIENCE ON HIM DOING DEMOLITION, COUNCILMAN PULLEY ADVISED THAT IF HE WAS THE LOWEST BIDDER, HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT. CITY MANAGER ADVISED THAT HE SENT AN EMAIL OUT TO MR. WILSON ON JUNE 12, 2025

D. DOROTHY JOSHWAY-CONCERNS RELATING TO MARYBELLE AVENUE, CITY MANAGER ADVISED THAT THE SEWERS ARE BEING WORKED ON FROM 71ST MARYBELLE TO GOELZ

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman II and seconded by Councilman Pulley to adjourn.
Upon the question of the motion Pro Tem Pulley called for the roll call.

Ayes:	Councilmen:	Cason, Dancy, Powell III,
	Councilwomen:	Parks, Woodhouse
Nays:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Absent:	Councilmen/Councilwomen:	None
Mayor Charles Powell III/Absent		

PASSED:

PASSES TO ADJOURN @ 7:02 P.M.

ATTEST:

Debra Hamilton Tidwell, City Clerk