

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5

WHEREAS, the issue of City of St. Louis Corrections and its internal operations is of great concern to this Board of Aldermen and many city residents; and

WHEREAS, this Board is empowered to enact legislation related to the public safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, there have been four escapes from St. Louis City Corrections facilities in less than two years; and

WHEREAS, the security of these institutions and the safety of the general public are of utmost importance to this Board; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Department Public Safety duties include to protecting the safety of the public through professional management of adult detention facilities and the delivery of comprehensive correctional and rehabilitative service; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the St Louis Board of Aldermen have a full understanding and comprehension of the issues that led to the escapes, the results of investigations that were performed related to the escapes, what is being done to prevent future escapes, ongoing policies and procedures of the Corrections Department and related Public Safety Department policies and decisions, decisions regarding work hours, job duties, and violations of procedures, overall hiring and staffing practices in the department of corrections, variations in employee duties and their civil service classification, and budget and contract decisions made by the Public Safety Department as it relates to Corrections; and

WHEREAS, during the most recent public hearing on these matters many of the questions related to the concerns above were not answered to this Board's satisfaction; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we direct the Public Safety Committee to continue to convene hearings for the purpose of examining the issue of St. Louis City Corrections including the four recent escapes, issues related to staffing and budgeting, issues related to work hours and civil service classifications, and related disciplinary, investigative and structural modification actions related to those issues in the City of St. Louis and we further direct the committee to include in such discussion the Director of Public Safety for the City of St. Louis and all other parties deemed appropriate and necessary by the Public Safety Committee.

Introduced on the 17th day of April, 2012 by:

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of April, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen