

RESOLUTION NUMBER 184

Larry C. Williams

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Larry C. Williams is retiring as the Treasurer of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, when St. Louis City Treasurer Larry Williams took office in April 1981, he knew a formidable task lay ahead, not only to assure adequate parking, but also that of revitalizing the city; and

WHEREAS, Williams met with the Kiel Center Partners, all members of Civic Progress, and the result of that meeting was a partnership to construct a \$23 million 1,272-car garage at 1515 Clark Street. Besides the garage, the project included main truck ramps, loading docks, and the mandatory façade connecting the new facility to the historic opera house. This venture, completed in 1994, kept the St. Louis Blues from being sold and moving out of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, after acquiring the on garage on Broadway and Fourth Street and agreeing to stay in the city, the Federal Reserve initiated an \$80 million redevelopment plan to construct additional office space and a new pocket park-plus the Marquette Building was renovated into 82 condominiums and 40 apartments; and

WHEREAS, Williams turned to the Argyle Library and the 465-car garage at Lindell and Euclid. This was the result of a unique joint venture between the St. Louis Public Library and the Parking Division. Another Central West End development, the 28-story Park East Tower and Lofts built by Opus Northwest LLC at Laclede and Euclid, was built on land owned by the Parking Division. This project, started in 2002, was a joint venture between the Parking Division and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Division's newest endeavor, the \$16 million Justice Center Parking Facility at the northeast corner of Tucker and Clark. This development incorporates 19,000 square feet with approximately 350 parking spaces on eight levels, and features 10,000 square feet of ground level retail space. The exterior will have diamond vision boards and lighting to celebrate the St. Louis Cardinals, Blues and Rams, as well as holiday and community events; and

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer's office has also spear-headed other projects, termed "ancillary," which are smaller, more neighborhood oriented projects. These projects include: The Abrams Building, acquired from the Federal Government for city office space and parking, Bevo Neighborhood Parking and related support services, Bohemian Hill – a joint venture with Land Clearance Regional Authority to create parking for local retail businesses, Chippewa Business District, Cupples Station Garage – a 720-parking space facility acquired from Bank of America to facilitate the Cupples Station Area redevelopment, Ritz Theater – Purchased and demolished to create available parking for local retailers in the South Grand/Tower Grove Park area, Signage Program – a joint venture with the St. Louis Convention and Tourism Board to create user-friendly signs for available parking, Thomas Dunn Lot – a joint venture with the Thomas Dunn Educational Center and various city entities to create parking for the Marquette Recreation Center and the Williams Paper Company – A 258-space lot created for the Scottrade Center patrons and patrons for the Gateway Transportation Center.

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 retirement of Treasurer Larry C. Williams and thank him for his service to the City 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 30th day of November, 2012 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward

Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this 30th day of November, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen