With City Councilmember Shannon Hardin, Mayor Ginther established the **Columbus Charter Review Committee** to conduct a review of certain sections of the Columbus City Charter. Community residents were encouraged to participate in eight public meetings held across Columbus in a transparent process to look specifically at the way Columbus City Council is set up.

Knowing that body-worn cameras have been shown to improve trust between the police and the community, Mayor Ginther formed a **Body-Worn Camera Committee** to provide a comprehensive and thoughtful report and recommendations for the implementation of this important initiative. The first body-worn cameras were used by Columbus police officers by year-end and 500 officers will be outfitted by year-end 2017. Additionally, the Department of Safety graduated 35 police officers and 39 firefighters, and realigned its emergency medical delivery system.

The City of Columbus joined 13 other U.S. cities to become a “Kiva City,” a partnership that brings together local government, community organizations and financial institutions to promote Kiva as a tool for empowering local entrepreneurship. Columbus has already deployed $162,000 in Kiva microloans to local entrepreneurs.

In 2016, the City of Columbus sold bonds totaling **$470 million** to be invested in roadway upgrades, health and community initiatives, water and sewer line improvements and safety apparatus. The residents of the City of Columbus approved a $950 million bond package to finance police and fire facilities, fire apparatus, street resurfacing, bike pathways, curb replacements, improvements to water, sanitary and power systems, and recreation and parks improvements.

Mayor Ginther added $2.2 million to the City’s Rainy Day Fund which keeps the city on track to restore the fund to **$75 million** by year-end 2017 and $1.5 million to the Basic City Services Fund to help offset any unexpected dips in revenue.

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**MAYOR ANDREW J. GINTHER’S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2017 • 6:00 P.M.**

Chief James G. Jackson Columbus Police Academy and Regional Training Academy | 1000 Hague Ave., Columbus, OH 43204
women from the program in 2016. The City expanded its Resilience Academy, adding a class specifically for 12 to 17 year olds, and graduated 27 men and

her neighborhoods and live a high quality of life independently.

City expanded the Department of Neighborhoods. Mayor Lightfoot joined the prestigious age-friendly communities

Mayor Lightfoot, along with MOPC, kicked off age-friendly communities in Chicago. The city is one of only six major

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strategy. The city of Columbus, Ohio, passed a Columbus-wide diversity and inclusion policy to support the

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The City of Columbus worked with the Department of Innovation and Inclusion to support the

Office of Diversity and Inclusion was established to support the

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