COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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HONORING DR. JAVAUNE ADAMS-GASTON: Council President Shannon Hardin is presenting resolution 0176X-2019 to celebrate the contributions of Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston to The Ohio State University, and congratulate her as President-elect of Norfolk State University.

PROVIDING YOUTH SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES: Council President Pro Tem Elizabeth Brown, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1321-2019 to authorize the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with Gladden Community House in support of its Youth Team Sports program. Last year, Gladden’s youth team sports program engaged 536 children and 57 community volunteer coaches, providing 14,677 hours of healthy, constructive, positive activity for Franklinton and near west side children.

CONNECTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS THROUGH FIBER: Councilmember Shayla Favor, chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1473-2019, to authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into contract with Gudenkauf Corporation for Signal Installation-Columbus Traffic Signal System Phase E. This ordinance initiates the fifth phase of the new traffic signal system that will install messenger wire, conduit, pullboxes, fiber optic cable, Ethernet switches, traffic flow monitors, and communication cabinets. Approximately 95 miles of fiber optic cable will be installed to connect 215 traffic signals throughout Franklin County and southern Delaware County. This contract will authorize the expenditure of up to $927,057.60 from the Information Services Taxable Debt Fund and up to $12,593,257.09 from the Federal Transportation Grants Fund.

THE POWER OF DATA: Councilmember Rob Dorans, chair of the Technology Committee is sponsoring ordinance to continue working with Tableau, a data visualization and business intelligence software platform. The City of Columbus uses data daily to make decisions on where to spend money and resources. One of the most powerful ways to analyze data is visualizing data on maps or on charts. Chair Dorans is also sponsoring an ordinance to provide for the development of a geographic information system (GIS) applications. The City uses GIS for crime mapping, snow and ice operation application, capital improvement projects mapping and more.
FUNDING PUBLIC HEALTH FARMERS MARKETS: Councilmember Priscilla Tyson, chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1433-2019 to authorize the establishment of a petty cash operating fund for the Columbus Public Health farmers’ markets to be held this summer; to authorize a transfer within the operating fund; and to authorize the expenditure of $7,500.00 total at $2,500.00 per market, held at Columbus Public Health’s facility on July 25, August 1 and August 8.

PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN COLUMBUS: Councilmember Emmanuel V. Remy, chair of the Environment Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1220-2019 to enter into an agreement with Arup USA, Inc. for the development of the Sustainable Columbus Climate Action Plan, determining the next steps in ensuring Columbus is creating an environmentally sustainable future. This $180,000 expenditure will utilize existing funding in various funds to draft courses of action for City departments to limit climate impacts.