COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A COMMITTED PUBLIC SERVANT: Council President Shannon G. Hardin is sponsoring resolution 0306X-2019 to honor, recognize and celebrate the life of Belinda Taylor. Taylor was a true public servant who worked in the Ohio House of Representatives, Black Elected Democrats of Ohio, Ohio Attorney General’s Office and Central Ohio Transit Authority, and served on the board of City Year Columbus and on the Kick Butt Columbus Committee.

INVESTING IN HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS: Council President Pro Tem Elizabeth Brown, Chair of the Finance committee is sponsoring ordinance 2162-2019 to adopt the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan which combines the public input, application, and planning process for four federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants. These grants are used to make important investments in Columbus neighborhoods focusing on expanding housing and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAPTIST MINISTERS’ WIVES AND MINISTERS’ WIDOWS ALLIANCE: Councilmember Emmanuel V. Remy is sponsoring resolution 0303X-2019, which will highlight the 80th Anniversary of the Baptist Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows Alliance, an organization which works to further stimulate social fellowship and cooperation among Churches, the Ministry and other agencies working for the good of the people.

UPGRADING NEIGHBORHOOD INTERSECTIONS: Councilmember Shayla Favor, Chair of the Public Service & Transportation committee is sponsoring ordinance 2724-2019 authorizing the installation of new traffic signals on Refugee Road at the intersections of Lockbourne Road and Fairwood Avenue, as well as robust intersection improvements at Georgesville Road at Sullivant Avenue, with a total spend of $872,715.72.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS: Councilmember Priscilla Tyson is sponsoring resolution 0302X-2019 to recognize November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Lung
cancer takes more lives annually than breast, prostate, colon, and pancreatic cancers combined, making the research for an early diagnostic test all the more important to help save lives - in fact, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death and the second most common cancer among both men and women in the United States.

**EMPOWERING HOMEOWNERS IN THE HILLTOP**: Councilmember Rob Dorans, Chair of the Public Utilities committee is sponsoring ordinance 2211-2019 to allow the City to utilize $1.971 million to provide sump pumps to Hilltop residents to mitigate basement flooding. This project is part of the Blueprint program, which is an innovative way of eliminating sanitary sewer overflows while also investing in our neighborhoods and our local economy.

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