

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**CREATING MORE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), Chair of the Public Service & Transportation committee is sponsoring ordinance 2520-2019 which authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into contract with Columbus Asphalt Paving for the construction of sidewalks along both sides of Duxberry Avenue with an expenditure of \$519,778.52. These sidewalks will benefit students walking to and from school in the vicinity of Hamilton STEM Academy and Linden McKinley STEM Academy.

**SUPPORTING THE BARBERSHOP BOOKS PROGRAM:** Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2676-2019 to authorize Columbus City Council to enter into contract with Reading Holiday Project, Inc. to renew and expand support of the Barbershop Books program in the amount of \$26,000. Barbershop Books seeks to reduce the achievement gap by providing child-friendly reading spaces in neighborhood barbershops. City Council is currently partnered with 30 barbershops across the City.

**HELPING COLUMBUS FAMILIES PLAN FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), Chair of the Finance Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2689-2019 to accept \$20,000 in funding from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc. in support of the city's engagement efforts to improve the financial stability of families in Columbus. This program helps families set plans to create a sustainable roadmap for financial stability and empowerment.

**ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities committee is sponsoring ordinance 2386-2019 to accept an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in the amount of \$50,366 from American Municipal Power, Inc. in order to establish a Residential Energy Efficiency pilot program. As part of the Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge, this program will help promote energy audits and provide energy efficiency kits to Columbus residents.

**CELEBRATING THE PLANNING THAT TRANSFORMED THE SHORT NORTH:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), Chair of the Economic Development committee is sponsoring resolution 0291X-2019 to recognize



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October as National Planning Month and celebrate the Short North Arts District being named one of four Great Neighborhoods on the American Planning Association's annual "Great Places in America" list for 2019. Having gone through a tremendous turn-around since the boarded up windows of the 1970s, the Short North is now a crown jewel of our City.

**RAISING AWARENESS FOR SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety committee is sponsoring resolution 0286x-2019 to recognize October as Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month.

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