COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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PREPARING YOUNG MEN OF COLOR FOR THE FUTURE: Council President Shannon G. Hardin and Councilmember Rob Dorans are sponsoring ordinances 2646-2019 and 2774-2019 to provide grant funding for organizations that support the My Brother’s Keeper program, and to host engagement events providing education and information related to exploring tech career pathways to boys and young men of color. The My Brother’s Keeper grants program will award $50,000 in grants for organizations that have shown success in one of the four categories identified as contributing to youth vulnerability: economics, safety, education, and health. This $7,500 program to host tech career events is through partnership with Per Scholas and Key Bank Business Boost & Build Powered by Jumpstart Initiative.

PROVIDING HOUSING SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN: Council President Pro Tem Elizabeth Brown and Councilmember Priscilla Tyson are sponsoring ordinance 2667-2019 to enter into a $75,000 contract with the Community Shelter Board for a homelessness prevention program for pregnant women. This program works with community partners to identify pregnant women in unstable housing situations and provide stable housing options and a robust network of support. This work is vitally important in the effort to reduce the infant mortality rate in Columbus.

HELPING SENIORS THRIVE IN THEIR HOMES: Councilmember Mitchell J. Brown, chair of the Veterans and Senior Affairs committee is sponsoring ordinance 2512-2019, which utilizes $6.3 million in federal grant funding to provide meal delivery, adult daycare, transportation, home repair and legal services for seniors in Central Ohio. The program is expected to serve approximately 20,000 individuals through December 31, 2020.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAPA: Councilmember Emmanuel V. Remy is sponsoring resolution 0299X-2019 to recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) in the city of Columbus. CAPA provides transformative performing arts experiences, education, and outreach to all ages in the central Ohio community and beyond.
SUPPORTING SPECIALTY COURTS TO SERVE VETERANS AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:
Councilmember Shayla Favor, Chair of the Criminal Justice & Judiciary Committee is sponsoring ordinances 2503-2019, 2589-2019, and 2701-2019 to support the Franklin County Municipal Court in continued staffing and programming for the court’s specialized dockets, with a total investment of $830,419.64. These ordinances particularly address services for veterans and victims of domestic violence.

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