

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**FUNDING A ROBUST INVESTMENT IN COLUMBUS ARTS:** Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinances 3005-2019 and 3007-2019 to facilitate the distribution of Admissions Tax revenue. The City will distribute \$6,000,000 from the Creation, Innovation and Inclusion Fund to The Greater Columbus Arts Council to provide significant funding for grants to artists, events and nonprofits to advance arts education and accessibility within our neighborhoods. Additionally, \$3,000,000 will be disbursed from the Facility Stabilization Fund to provide for the resources necessary to maintain Nationwide, as well as to invest in other cultural arts, sports, and performance arts venues in the greater Columbus area.

**LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A FUTURE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), Chair of the Finance committee is sponsoring ordinance 3064-2019 to authorize the \$6.1 million purchase of land located on Dublin Road in Delaware County, which will house the City of Columbus' fourth water treatment plant.

**ENSURING CLEAN DRINKING WATER IN COLUMBUS COMMUNITIES:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), Chair of the Public Utilities committee is sponsoring ordinance 2830-2019 to spend \$2.1 million to fund the annual maintenance of our City's water plants to ensure water treatment systems continue to provide clean, safe drinking water for Columbus residents.

**FUNDING HOUSING CRISIS INITIATIVES:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#) chair of the Health and Human Services committee is sponsoring ordinance 3025-2019 to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$400,000 of the anticipated FY 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and enter into contract with Community Shelter Board for the administration of this fund.

**CONTINUING ONLINE ACCESS TO REFUSE COLLECTON NOTIFICATIONS:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#), Chair of the Environment committee is sponsoring ordinance 2680-2019 to expand the online platform through which the City can digitally communicate information concerning its refuse, recycling,



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and yard waste programs to residents. This \$29,332 investment will keep ReCollect Systems as the vendor for this service which provides collection day reminders via telephone and email.

**FUNDING THE COLUMBUS LAND BANK FOR 2020:** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), Chair of the Housing committee is sponsoring ordinance 3026-2019 to authorize the appropriation of \$1,799,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Land Management Fund to the Department of Development to provide funds for the administration of the Land Redevelopment Division for budget year 2020.

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