

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**REACHING NEW BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR THROUGH UPLIFTING ENGAGEMENT:** Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring ordinance 3279-2019 to fund \$25,000 in community engagement programming relating to the My Brother's Keeper initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.

**PROVIDING NEW, HIGH QUALITY OPPORTUNITIES AT SAWYER RECREATION CENTER:** Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), Chair of the Recreation and Parks committee is sponsoring ordinance 3249-2019 to enter into a sublease agreement with the Community for New Direction, Inc. to occupy, provide services and manage the first and second floor of the Sawyer Recreation Center. Community for New Direction will provide career-focused programming and community health and wellness services for all ages.

**OBJECTING TO SEVEN COLUMBUS LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), Chair of the Public Safety committee is sponsoring resolutions 0330X-2019, 0332X-2019, 0333X-2019, 0334X-2019, 0335X-2019, 0336X-2019 and 0337X-2019 to object to seven Columbus liquor permit applications for local businesses. The objections are a result of conversations with the Columbus Division of Police and City Attorney Zach Klein, based on public safety concerns at these locations.

**WELCOMING REFUGEES TO COLUMBUS:** Councilmember [Emmanuel V. Remy](#) is sponsoring resolution 0344X-2019 to affirm that the City of Columbus is a Welcoming City and urges other local governments to join in support of a regional commitment to resettle the most vulnerable refugees. Presidential Executive Order 13888 requires local governments to provide written consent before they can accept refugees, and this resolution would satisfy that request.

**MITIGATING RESIDENTIAL FLOODING IN MILLER/KELTON:** Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), Chair of the Public Utilities committee is sponsoring ordinance 3149-2019 to authorize \$1,291,530 in spending to support the Miller/Kelton Phase 1 of the Volunteer Sump Pump Program, installing sump pumps to cut



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down on residential flooding.

**WORKING TO CURB OPIOID ADDICTION:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services committee is sponsoring ordinance 3287-2019 to provide \$100,000 in support of The Ohio Opioid Education Alliance’s Denial, OH campaign to generate interest and advocacy for resources available to support the prevention of prescription opioid misuse and abuse.

**PREPARING SNOW WARRIORS FOR WINTER WEATHER** Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), Chair of the Public Service & Transportation committee is sponsoring ordinance 3207-2019, authorizing a contract with Rose K. Erich for the installation of snow and safety equipment. With an expenditure of \$432,200.00 from the Street Construction Maintenance Repair Fund, the department will purchase 16 new trucks used for residential clean up.

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