

**COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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DECLARING “BLACK AND GOLD WEEK” IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: Council President [Shannon G. Hardin](#) is sponsoring resolution 0045X-2020 to recognize and celebrate the Columbus Crew SC’s 25th massive season, and declare February 24- March 1 as “Black and Gold Week” in the City of Columbus.

FUNDING COMMUNITY CULTURAL EVENTS: Council President Pro Tem [Elizabeth Brown](#), chair of the Recreation and Parks committee is sponsoring ordinance 0435-2020 to appropriate and transfer \$229,000.00 from the existing Hotel/Motel Tax appropriation to the Recreation and Parks Department for the support of various annual special events and cultural arts programming for the enrichment of the community. Events typically supported by these funds include festivals and programming such as Jazz and Rib Fest, Red White & Boom, the Stonewall Columbus Pride Festival, the African American Male Wellness Walk, the Asian Festival, and Festival Latino, among others.

WORKING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: Councilmember [Shayla Favor](#), chair of the Public Service and Transportation committee is sponsoring ordinance 0413-2020 authorizing the Department of Public Service to submit a Safe Routes to School Application to the Ohio Department of Transportation. If awarded, the \$400,000 grant will assist the Department of Public Service in constructing new sidewalks and filling existing sidewalk gaps on Grace Street, from Orel Avenue to Eureka Avenue. Students walking to school and bus stops near West Broad Elementary will benefit from the project.

PROVIDING PRIMARY CARE THROUGH COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services committee is sponsoring ordinance 0368-2020, to authorize a \$4,299,110 contract with PrimaryOne Health to provide primary health care, home visiting and dental services at community-based health centers. Community Health Centers (CHC) are successful, low-cost options for primary care access. Medical costs for CHC patients are 41 percent lower compared to patients seen elsewhere such as a hospital emergency room. As a result CHC’s save the healthcare system between \$9.9 billion and \$17.6 billion a year nationally.



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POWERING OUR CITY: Councilmember [Rob Dorans](#), chair of the Public Utilities committee is sponsoring ordinance 0129-2020 that will allow the Public Utilities Department to purchase \$48,500,000 worth of power from AEP Energy Partners, Inc. The Division of Power has approximately 14,000 customers and maintains about 55,000 streetlights in Columbus and central Ohio.

EXPANDING EMERGENCY ADDICTION CRISIS RESPONSE: Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety committee is sponsoring ordinance 0389-2020 to accept U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Overdose Data to Action program funding via an award from Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) in the amount of \$371,523.00 for project expenses related to Columbus Public Safety's expansion of the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT) outreach activities.

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